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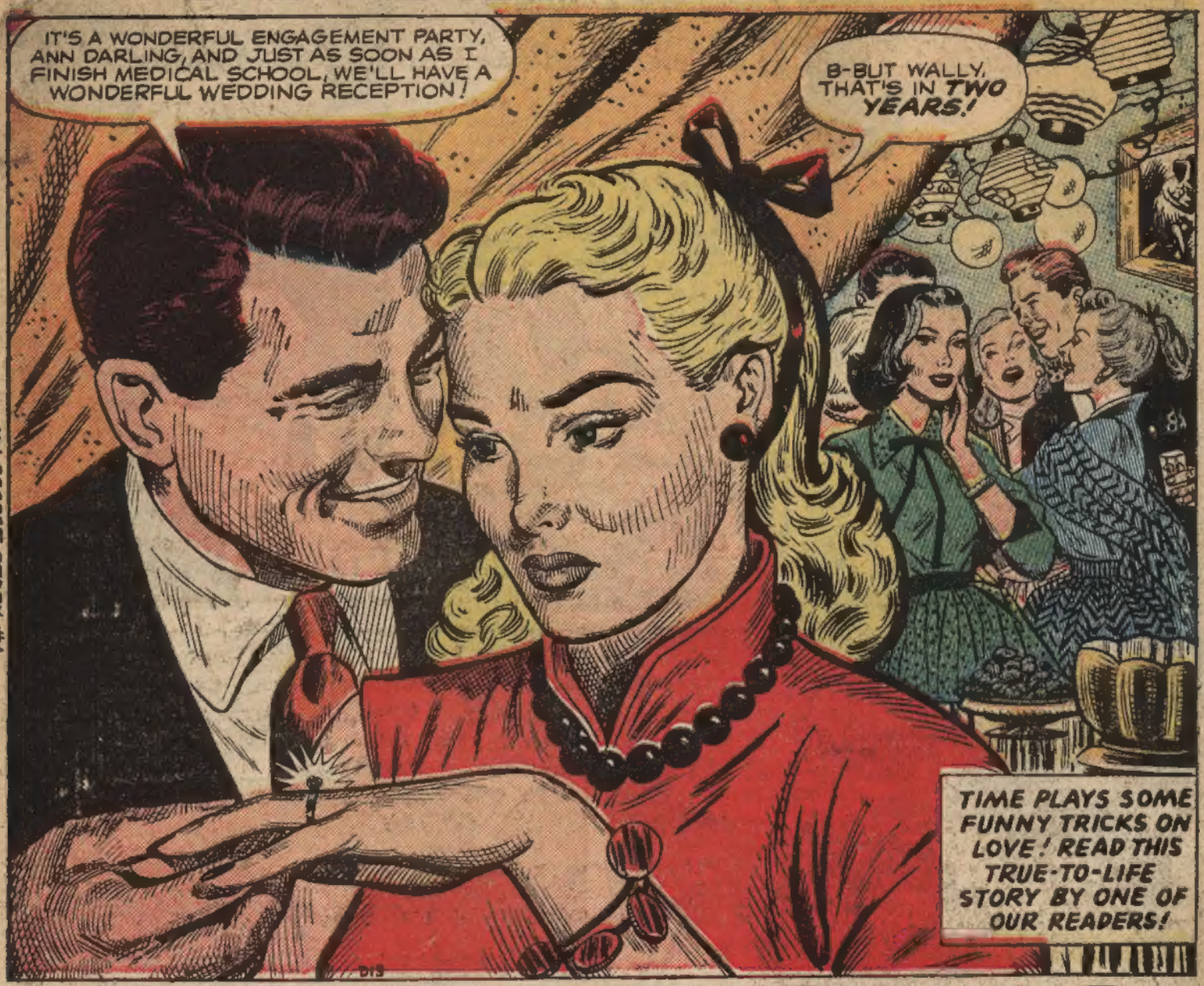

IT'S A WONDERFUL ENGAGEMENT PARTY, ANN DARLING, AND JUST AS SOON AS I FINISH MEDICAL SCHOOL, WE'LL HAVE A WONDERFUL WEDDING RECEPTION!
B-BUT WALLY, THAT'S IN TWO YEARS!
TIME PLAYS SOME FUNNY TRICKS ON LOVE! READ THIS TRUE-TO-LIFE STORY BY ONE OF OUR READERS!

DON'T COMPLAIN, DARLING! THE DAY I GET MY DOCTOR OF MEDICINE DEGREE, I'LL END MY BACHELORHOOD!
OH, WALLY, I'M NOT COMPLAINING, BUT IT IS SO FAR OFF!

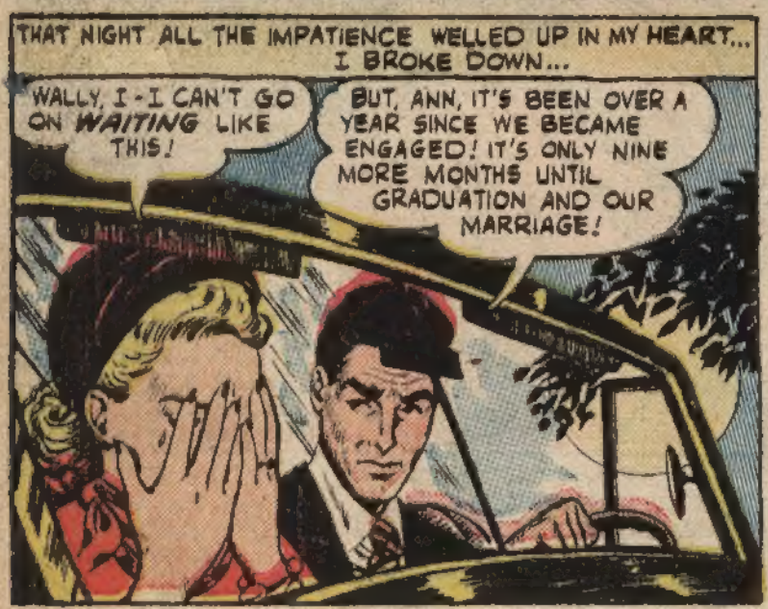
I LOVED WALLY DEEPLY AND THE DAYS PASSED HAPPILY BUT SLOWLY AS I WATCHED OTHER FRIENDS WHO HAD BECOME ENGAGED AFTER US, MARRY BEFORE US...

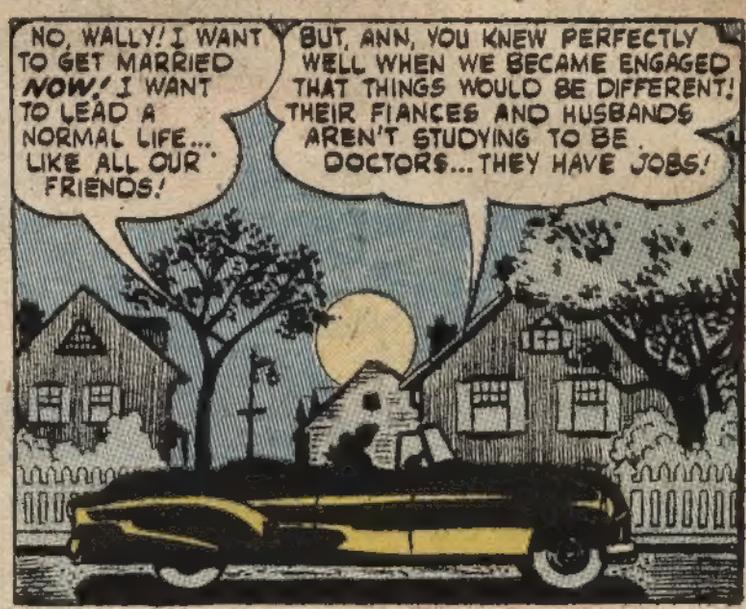
BUT THE BITTEREST MOMENTS CAME WHEN WE VISITED THE HOMES OF NEWLYWEDS AND I COULDN'T HELP THINKING HOW LONG I STILL HAD TO WAIT BEFORE WE MOVED INTO A HOME OF OUR OWN...

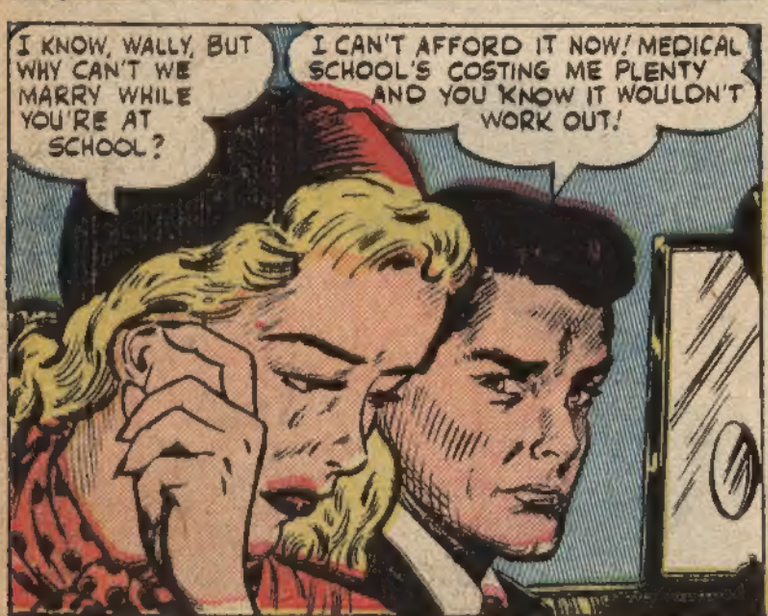
IT'S LOVELY, DORIS, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE GONE THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE!
PLAYING HOSTESS IS LOTS OF FUN, ANN! BUT YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH WHEN YOU START ENTERTAINING IN YOUR OWN APARTMENT!

BUT WHAT REALLY MADE ME FEEL THE PASSING DAYS WAS THE FIRST BABY BORN TO ONE OF THE GIRLS IN OUR CROWD...

THAT NIGHT ALL THE IMPATIENCE WELLED UP IN MY HEART... I BROKE DOWN...


WALLY, I - I CAN'T GO ON *WAITING* LIKE THIS!
BUT, ANN, IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR SINCE WE BECAME ENGAGED! IT'S ONLY NINE MORE MONTHS UNTIL GRADUATION AND OUR MARRIAGE!


NO, WALLY! I WANT TO GET MARRIED *NOW!* I WANT TO LEAD A NORMAL LIFE... LIKE ALL OUR FRIENDS!
BUT, ANN, YOU KNEW PERFECTLY WELL WHEN WE BECAME ENGAGED THAT THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT! THEIR FIANCES AND HUSBANDS AREN'T STUDYING TO BE DOCTORS... THEY HAVE JOBS!


I KNOW, WALLY, BUT WHY CAN'T WE MARRY WHILE YOU'RE AT SCHOOL?
I CAN'T AFFORD IT NOW! MEDICAL SCHOOL'S COSTING ME PLENTY AND YOU KNOW IT WOULDN'T WORK OUT!

ALL I KNOW IS I'M THE *OLD MAID* OF MY CROWD! EVERYONE ELSE WILL BE MARRIED IN TWO MONTHS... EVERY-ONE BUT *ME!*
ANN, YOU'RE TALKING LIKE A CHILD! WE'LL BE MARRIED WITHIN A YEAR... IT CAN'T BE ANY SOONER SO FORGET ABOUT IT! GOOD NIGHT!

BUT I DIDN'T FORGET IT! MORE THAN ANYTHING, I WANTED TO BE LIKE THE OTHER GIRLS, MARRIED AND LIVING IN MY OWN HOME...
WHY ALL THE EXCITEMENT, MABEL?
HAVE YOU HEARD THE LATEST? GINNY AND GEORGE ELOPED TONIGHT! JUST PACKED THEIR BAGS AND TOOK OFF! GUESS THEY COULDN'T WAIT FOR THE BIG FORMAL WEDDING HER MOTHER WAS PLANNING! IT SURE SOUNDS ROMANTIC!
RESTAURANT

ALL THROUGH DINNER I THOUGHT ABOUT GINNY AND GEORGE... THEN...
WALLY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH US? WHY DON'T WE FOLLOW THEIR LEAD AND ELOPE TOO!
HUH? SORRY, ANN, BUT I'VE GOT A FULL SCHEDULE OF EXAMS STARTING TOMORROW! MAKE IT NINE MONTHS FROM NOW AND I'LL BRING THE LADDER, DARLING!

BUT I DON'T WANT TO WAIT NINE MONTHS! I WANT TO BE MARRIED NOW UNLESS YOU NO LONGER LOVE ME!
ANN, THAT'S A SILLY THING TO SAY! YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU AND I ALWAYS WILL, DARLING!

NO! IF YOU REALLY LOVED ME YOU COULDN'T BE SO COLD AND PATIENT ABOUT GETTING MARRIED! IF YOU LOVE ME, WALLY, PROVE IT! MARRY ME THIS WEEK!
ANN, I DO LOVE YOU, BUT THAT CAN'T MAKE ME FORGET I STILL HAVE TO FINISH MEDICAL SCHOOL!

IT'S JUST AN EXCUSE! YOU DON'T CARE FOR ME! I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS MONTH AFTER MONTH WAITING HERE!
ANN! YOUR RING!

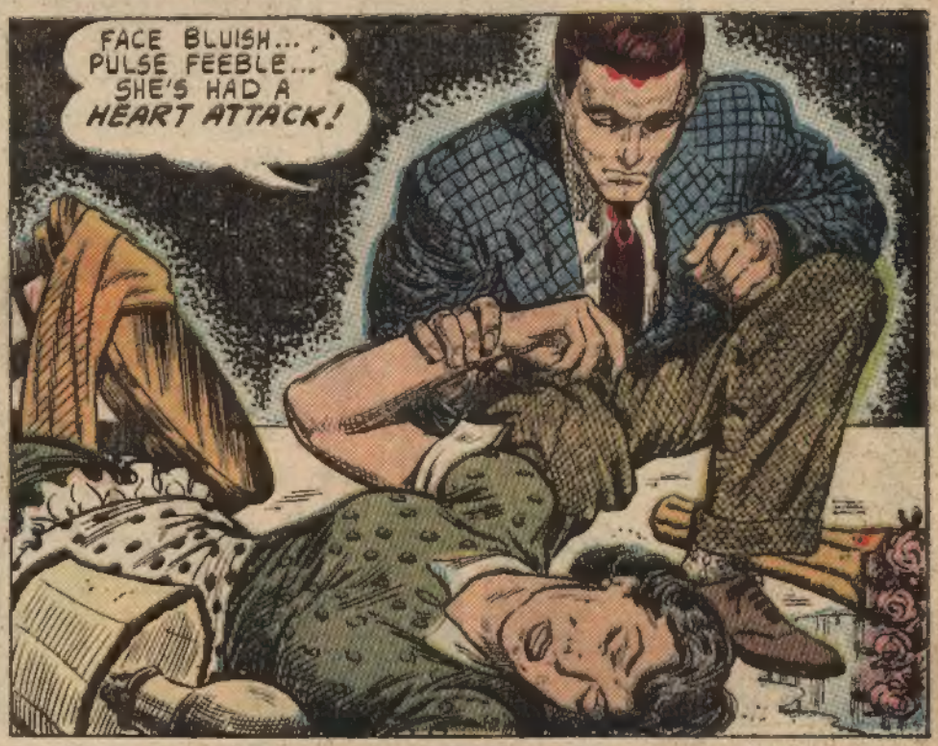
IT'S YOURS NOW! KEEP IT! OUR ENGAGEMENT IS ENDED!
NO, ANN, WAIT!

I RACED HOME AND SLAMMED THE DOOR ON WALLY! I KEPT TELLING MYSELF IT WAS ALL OVER! A FEW SLEEPLESS NIGHTS...THEN I WOULD FORGET HIM...
BUT I COULDN'T FORGET...HIS VOICE, HIS IMAGE...THE MEMORY OF HIM LINGERED ON IN MY ACHING HEART... THEN ONE NIGHT ...THE DOORBELL...
OH! IT'S YOU! IT'S NO USE, WALLY! WE'VE NOTHING TO SAY TO EACH OTHER...IT'S ALL OVER!
YOU'RE RIGHT, ANN! OUR ENGAGEMENT IS OVER... WITHIN TWO WEEKS WE'RE GETTING MARRIED!
I TURNED AND RAN INTO HIS ARMS...A DELIGHTFULLY CONFUSED GIRL!
B-BUT MEDICAL SCHOOL?
I'VE QUIT! I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH TO LOSE YOU! I'VE BEEN OFFERED A JOB WITH A MEDICAL SUPPLY COMPANY! I'LL BE ABLE TO MARRY YOU BEFORE THE MONTH ENDS!
MY LIPS ANSWERED FOR ME! MY WHOLE BODY SEEMED FILLED WITH BURNING HAPPINESS, FOR WALLY AT LEAST WAS MINE...
WHEN WE WENT OUT THAT NIGHT, I WAS DYING TO SHOUT THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE WHOLE WORLD TO HEAR!
HI, MABEL! CONGRATULATE US! WE'RE GETTING MARRIED THIS MONTH!
OH, ANN, THAT'S WONDERFUL! BUT MED SCHOOL ISN'T OVER, IS IT, WALLY?
LATE SHOW
WALLY, I COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING! I WONDERED WHY YOU WERE ABSENT FROM MY ANATOMY CLASS TODAY...YOU'RE NOT THROWING AWAY A BRILLIANT CAREER, ARE YOU?
WELL, PROFESSOR BATES, I...ER... I...
3 DIMENSIONAL
HE'S NOT GOING TO BE A DOCTOR! MARRIAGE CAN BE AN INTERESTING CAREER, TOO! LET'S GO, DARLING, WE'LL MISS THE FEATURE!
GIVE IT MORE THOUGHT, SON... GOOD NIGHT!

AS WE DROVE HOME, MY HEAD WAS ON WALLY'S SHOULDER, AND I FELT A PEACE AND CONTENTMENT I HADN'T KNOWN FOR AGES...
LOOK, ANN! YOUR MOTHER'S LIGHT IS STILL ON!
THAT'S STRANGE! SHE USUALLY GOES TO BED LONG BEFORE MIDNIGHT!

OH, WALLY! W-WHAT'S THAT?
UPSTAIRS...SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE'S IN PAIN!
OHHHH!

MOTHER! WALLY WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?
CRASH!


FACE BLUISH..., PULSE FEEBLE... SHE'S HAD A HEART ATTACK!

HEART ATTACK? IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO?
I'LL TRY, ANN! BUT GET A DOCTOR! HURRY!

AS WALLY STAYED WITH MY STRICKEN MOTHER, I RACED TO THE PHONE AND CALLED THE DOCTOR!
DOCTOR CALDER? DOCTOR CALDER, THIS IS ANN WILSON ...IT'S MOTHER! COME QUICKLY!

IT SEEMED AN ETERNITY BEFORE THE DOCTOR ARRIVED...I TOLD HIM WHAT HAPPENED...AND HE RAN UPSTAIRS...

HELLO, DOCTOR! I DON'T THINK I'VE BEEN MUCH HELP!
HELLO, WALLY! LET'S GO TO WORK!
AS WALLY AND DOCTOR CALDER TREATED MOTHER, I STAYED DOWN-STAIRS, PRAYING...
PLEASE...PLEASE LET HER COME THROUGH THIS ALL RIGHT!
HALF AN HOUR LATER THEY CAME DOWN...
SHE'S RESTING COMFORTABLY NOW, ANN! SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
BUT SHE WOULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED LONG ENOUGH FOR MY TREATMENT IF WALLY HADN'T CORRECTLY DIAGNOSED HER CONDITION AND GIVEN HER PRELIMINARY CARE!
WALLY SAVED HER?
YES, ANN! WALLY KNOWS HIS MEDICINE! HE'LL MAKE A FINE DOCTOR! ANY COMMUNITY CAN USE A MAN WITH HIS MEDICAL TALENTS! WHEN DO YOU GRADUATE, WALLY?
I'M AFRAID I'M NOT...
THIS SPRING, DOCTOR! HE'S GRADUATING IN JUNE AND RIGHT AFTER THAT WE'RE GETTING MARRIED!
FINE... FINE... GOOD NIGHT!
OH, ANN, DO YOU REALLY MEAN IT?
YES, DARLING! FORGIVE ME FOR BEING A BLIND, SELFISH FOOL! BUT YOUR CAREER IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN A FEW MONTHS' EXTRA WAITING IN THE LIFE OF AN IMPATIENT GIRL! I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF FOR ALMOST WRECKING YOUR MEDICAL FUTURE...OUR FUTURE!
WALLY SWEPT ME INTO HIS ARMS AND I WAS THANKFUL THAT I REALIZED THE TERRIBLE MISTAKE I WAS MAKING BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE.. AND MY LOVE LAY IN RUINS! BUT NOW MY LOVE WAS SAVED... SOON WALLY WOULD BE MINE... FOREVER!
WALLY DARLING, YOU'RE SO WORTH WAITING FOR!
The End

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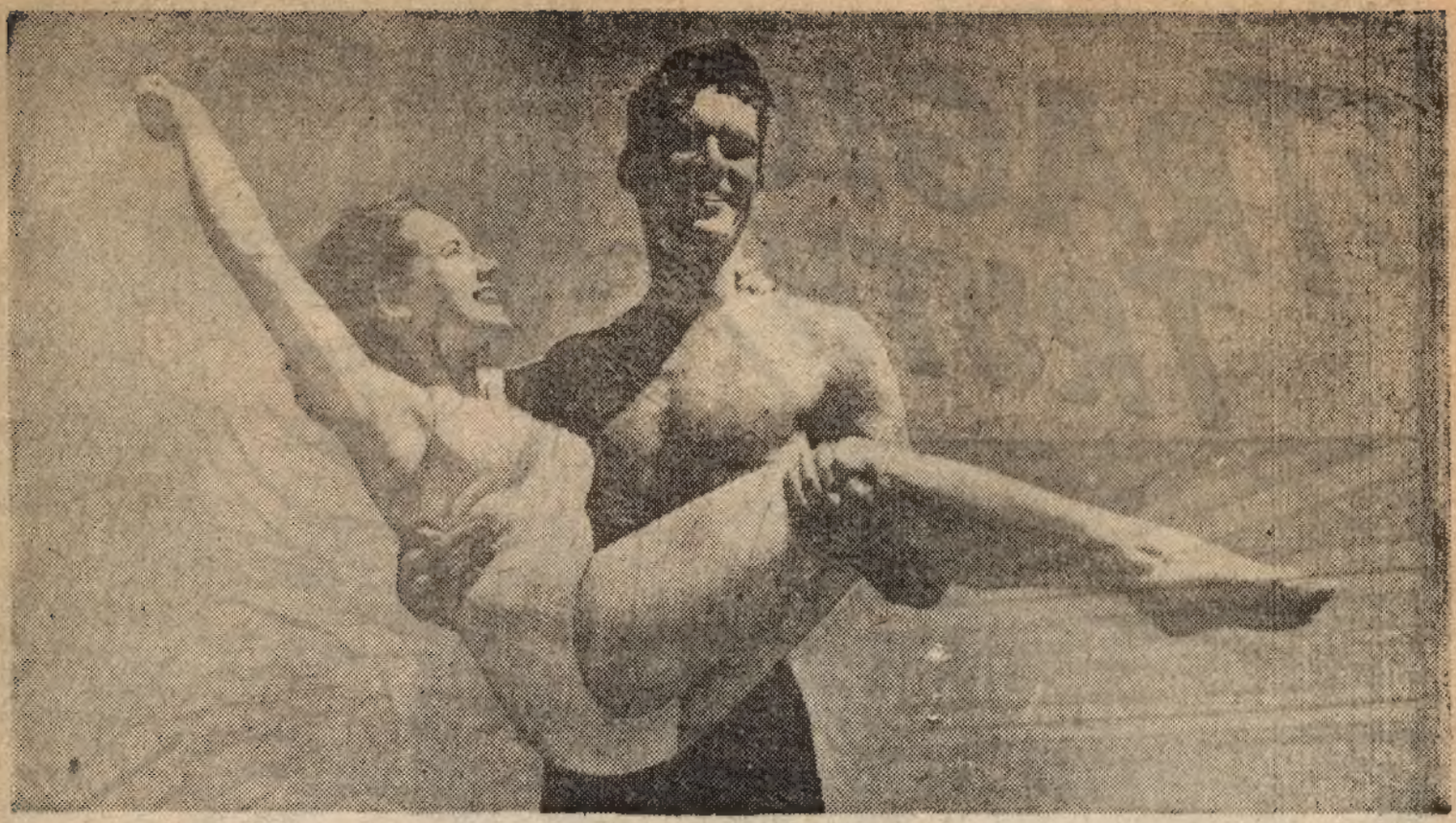

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I WAS ALL SET FOR MARRIAGE...UNTIL I LEARNED...

THE TRAGIC TRUTH

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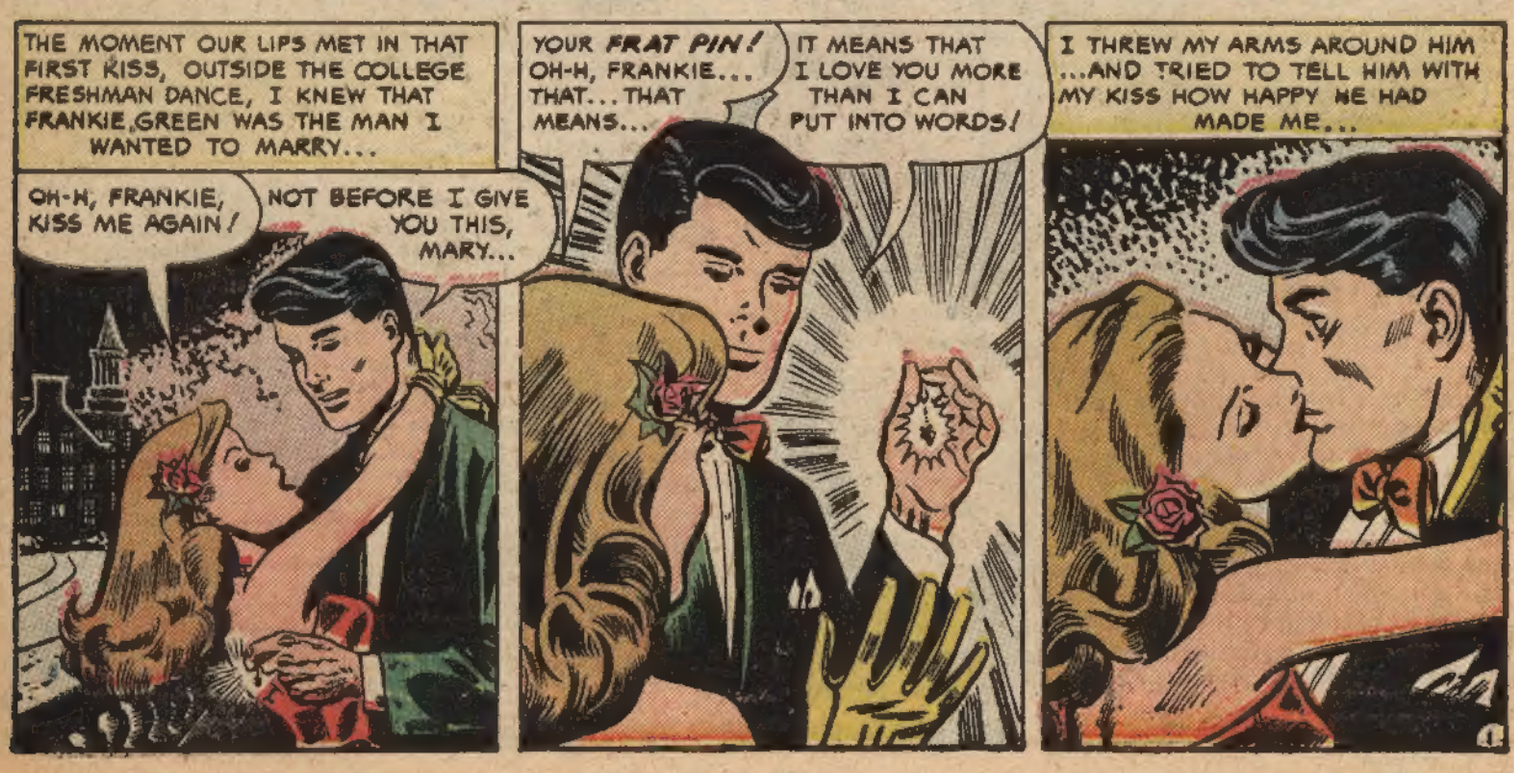
THE MOMENT OUR LIPS MET IN THAT FIRST KISS, OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE FRESHMAN DANCE, I KNEW THAT FRANKIE GREEN WAS THE MAN I WANTED TO MARRY...
OH-H, FRANKIE, KISS ME AGAIN!
NOT BEFORE I GIVE YOU THIS, MARY...
YOUR FRAT PIN! OH-H, FRANKIE... THAT... THAT MEANS...
IT MEANS THAT I LOVE YOU MORE THAN I CAN PUT INTO WORDS!
I THREW MY ARMS AROUND HIM ...AND TRIED TO TELL HIM WITH MY KISS HOW HAPPY HE HAD MADE ME...

I WORE THAT FRAT PIN OVER MY HEART WITH GREAT PRIDE/ IT WAS AS IF A PART OF FRANKIE WAS WITH ME ALWAYS...AND FRANKIE WAS ALL THAT I WANTED ...EVEN WHEN THE GIRLS TRIED TO TEMPT ME WITH OTHER DATES...

BUT, MARY, THIS'LL BE A DOUBLE-DATE...AND I'VE GOT CHUCK CONNERS, THE FOOTBALL CAPTAIN FOR YOU/ HE'S GORGEOUS... HE'S EXCITING... HE OOZES L'AMOUR/

SORRY, FLO/ I'M A ONE-MAN-WOMAN... AND FRANKIE'S *MY MAN!*

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OH, MARY...FRANKIE'S ALL RIGHT/ BUT HE'S THE QUIET, SLIPPERS-PIPE-AND-MAN'S-BEST-FRIEND TYPE OF GUY/ WHAT YOU NEED IS SOME EXCITEMENT IN YOUR YOUNG LIFE/

FRANKIE'S KISSES TAKE CARE OF THAT...AND WHEN I'M MARRIED I'D RATHER HAND MY HUSBAND HIS SLIPPERS AND PIPE THAN A FOOTBALL...AND THEN RUN INTO THE LIVING ROOM FOR A LONG PASS /

SURE, FRANKIE WAS QUIET, SHY AND RESERVED...BUT I LIKED HIM THAT WAY/ HE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN FRANKIE IF HE WASN'T...AND OUR DATES TO THE MOVIES, TO THE DANCES, TO THE BEACH...AND HIS KISSES WERE ALL THE EXCITEMENT I WANTED/

WE DATED AND WENT STEADY THRU OUR ENTIRE FRESHMAN YEAR...AND I STILL FELT THE SAME WAY ABOUT FRANKIE...

IMAGINE/ WEARING THE SAME GUY'S FRAT PIN FOR A WHOLE YEAR/ YOU MUST BE IN LOVE/

I AM...FROM THE TIP OF MY NYLONS TO THE TOP OF MY LAST MONTH'S PERMANENT/ AND TONIGHT FRANKIE AND I ARE GOING TO CELEBRATE OUR ONE YEAR OF LOVE/

FRANKIE AND I HAD DINNER TOGETHER THAT NIGHT...WE DANCED...AND THEN WE WENT TO THE SAME SPOT WHERE FRANKIE PINNED HIS FRAT PIN ON ME A YEAR AGO...

YOU STOOD THERE ...AND I STOOD HERE/ AND THEN YOU GAVE ME THE PIN AND SAID...

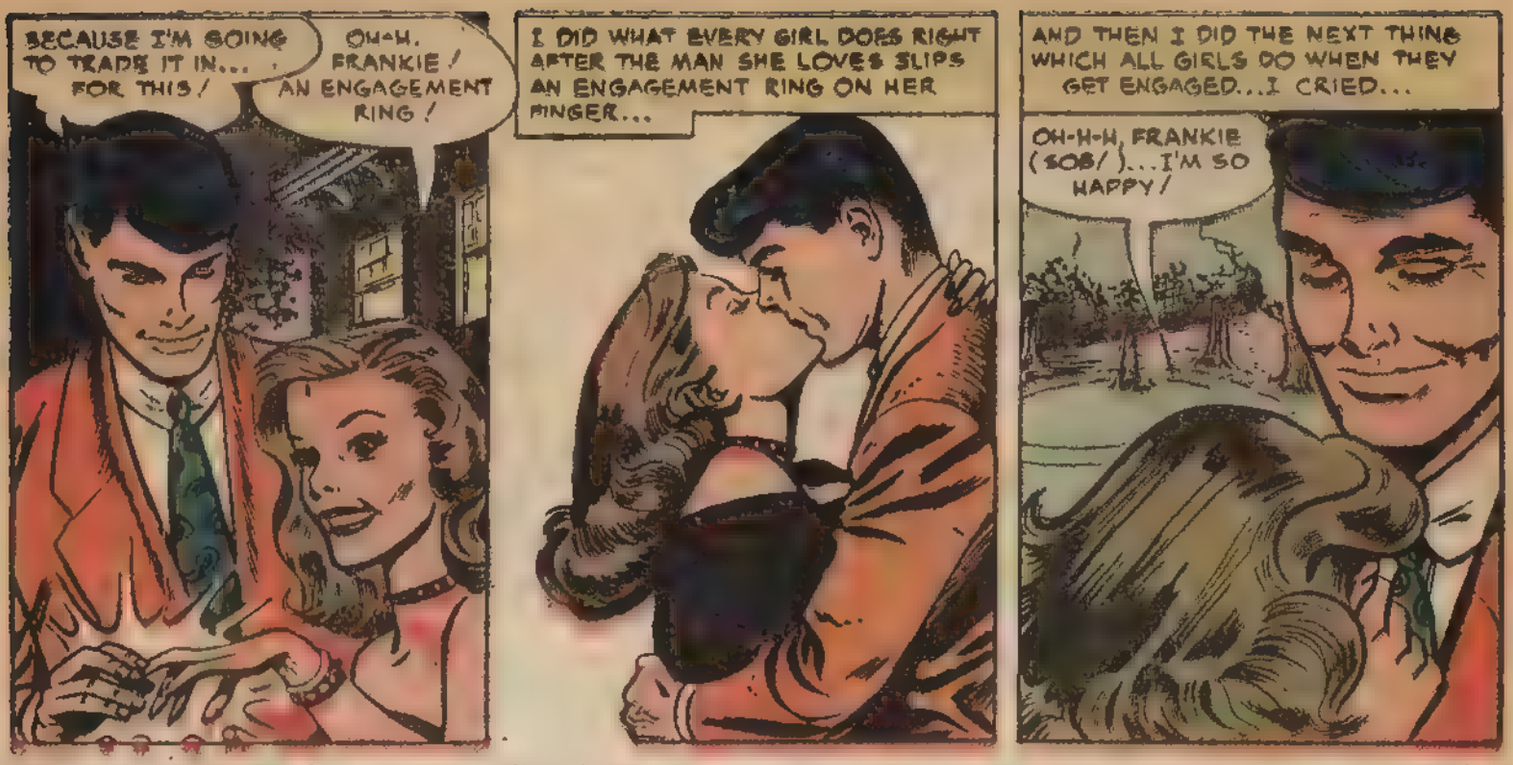
IT MEANS I LOVE YOU MORE THAN I CAN PUT INTO WORDS..

THIS TIME WE BOTH LEFT OUT THE WORDS AND TOLD EACH OTHER OF OUR LOVE THE WAY LOVERS SAY IT...

AND WHEN OUR LIPS PARTED... FRANKIE SPOKE...AND HIS WORDS SHOCKED ME...

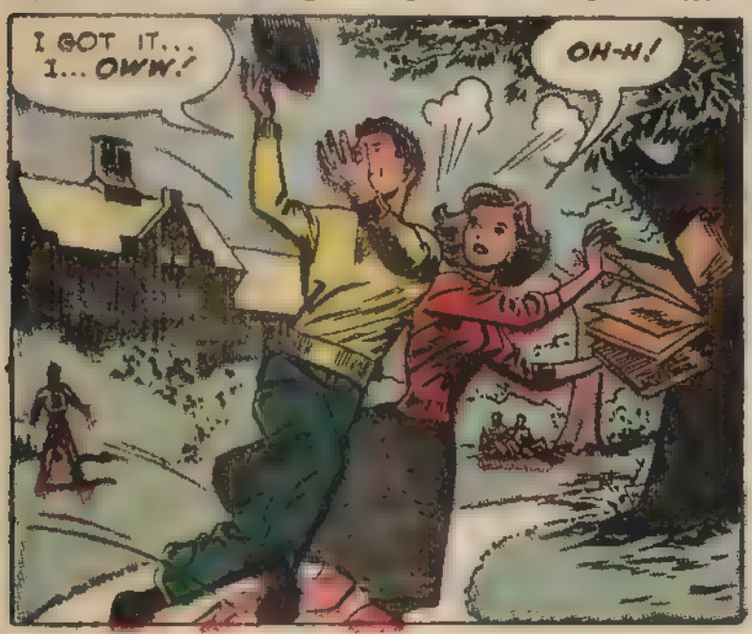
MARY...I'M GOING TO TAKE BACK MY FRAT PIN...

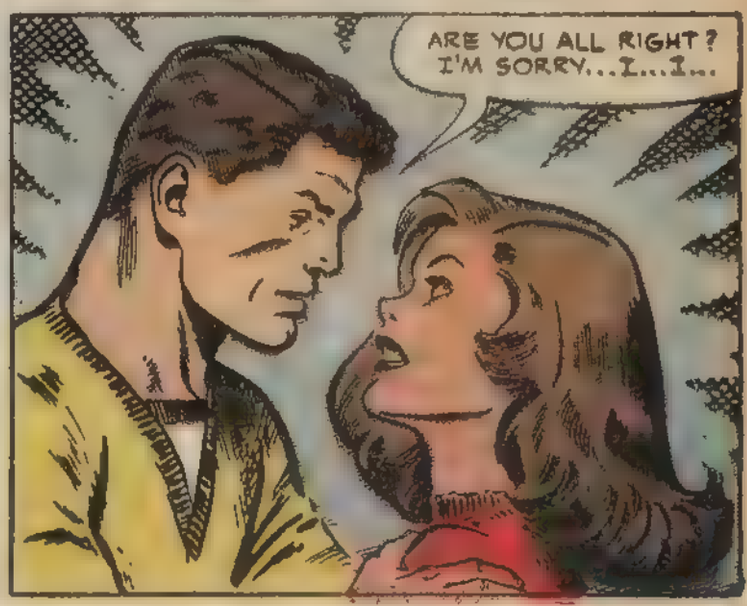
BUT WHY, FRANKIE... *WHY??*


BECAUSE I'M GOING TO TRADE IT IN... FOR THIS!
OH-H, FRANKIE! AN ENGAGEMENT RING!
I DID WHAT EVERY GIRL DOES RIGHT AFTER THE MAN SHE LOVES SLIPS AN ENGAGEMENT RING ON HER FINGER...
AND THEN I DID THE NEXT THING WHICH ALL GIRLS DO WHEN THEY GET ENGAGED...I CRIED...
OH-H-H, FRANKIE (SOB!)...I'M SO HAPPY!

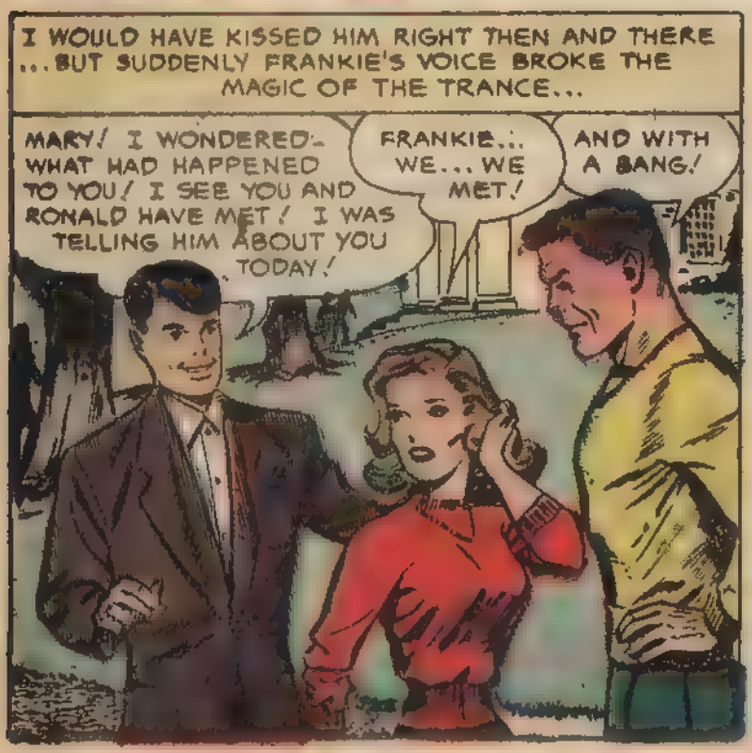
YES, I WAS ENGAGED! I WALKED WITH MY HEAD IN THE CLOUDS IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED...PERHAPS THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T SEE THE FIGURE RUNNING TOWARD ME AFTER CLASS ONE MORNING AND...

HE HELPED ME UP...AND I FELT DIZZY, BUT IT WASN'T FROM THE BUMP... IT WAS FROM LOOKING INTO HIS EYES! AS HE HELD ME, I SENSED A THRILL RUN THRU ME... AND UNCONTROLLABLY, I MOVED MY LIPS CLOSER TO HIS... CLOSER...

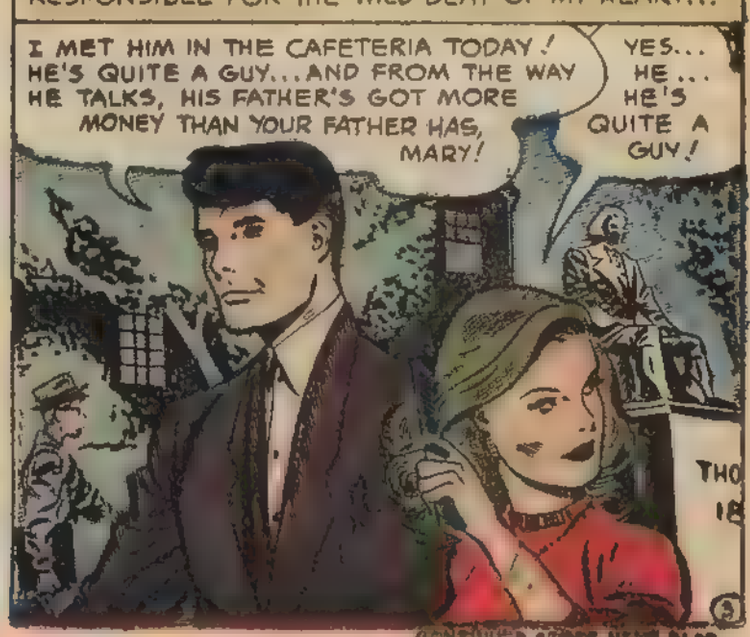




I WOULD HAVE KISSED HIM RIGHT THEN AND THERE ...BUT SUDDENLY FRANKIE'S VOICE BROKE THE MAGIC OF THE TRANCE...


MARY! I WONDERED WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO YOU! I SEE YOU AND RONALD HAVE MET! I WAS TELLING HIM ABOUT YOU TODAY!
FRANKIE... WE... WE MET!
AND WITH A BANG!

AFTER FRANKIE INTRODUCED US, WE LEFT... BUT AS WE WALKED AWAY, I COULDN'T HELP GLANCING BACK AT RONALD... AT THE MAN WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WILD BEAT OF MY HEART...


I MET HIM IN THE CAFETERIA TODAY! HE'S QUITE A GUY... AND FROM THE WAY HE TALKS, HIS FATHER'S GOT MORE MONEY THAN YOUR FATHER HAS, MARY!
YES... HE... HE'S QUITE A GUY!
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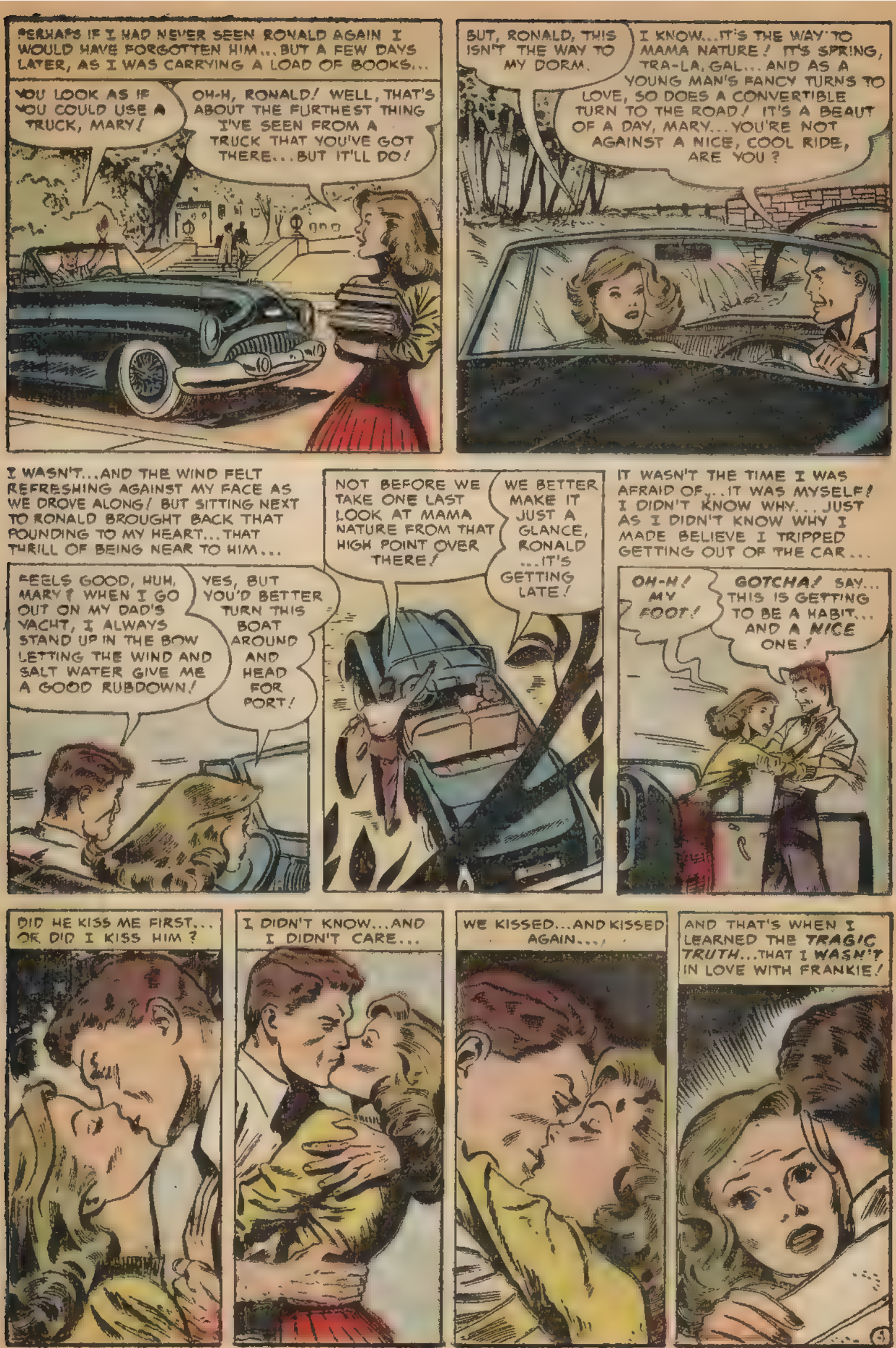

PERHAPS IF I HAD NEVER SEEN RONALD AGAIN I WOULD HAVE FORGOTTEN HIM... BUT A FEW DAYS LATER, AS I WAS CARRYING A LOAD OF BOOKS...
YOU LOOK AS IF YOU COULD USE A TRUCK, MARY!
OH-H, RONALD! WELL, THAT'S ABOUT THE FURTHEST THING I'VE SEEN FROM A TRUCK THAT YOU'VE GOT THERE... BUT IT'LL DO!
BUT, RONALD, THIS ISN'T THE WAY TO MY DORM.
I KNOW... IT'S THE WAY TO MAMA NATURE! IT'S SPRING, TRA-LA, GAL... AND AS A YOUNG MAN'S FANCY TURNS TO LOVE, SO DOES A CONVERTIBLE TURN TO THE ROAD! IT'S A BEAUT OF A DAY, MARY... YOU'RE NOT AGAINST A NICE, COOL RIDE, ARE YOU?
I WASN'T... AND THE WIND FELT REFRESHING AGAINST MY FACE AS WE DROVE ALONG! BUT SITTING NEXT TO RONALD BROUGHT BACK THAT POUNDING TO MY HEART... THAT THRILL OF BEING NEAR TO HIM...
FEELS GOOD, HUH, MARY? WHEN I GO OUT ON MY DAD'S YACHT, I ALWAYS STAND UP IN THE BOW LETTING THE WIND AND SALT WATER GIVE ME A GOOD RUBDOWN!
YES, BUT YOU'D BETTER TURN THIS BOAT AROUND AND HEAD FOR PORT!
NOT BEFORE WE TAKE ONE LAST LOOK AT MAMA NATURE FROM THAT HIGH POINT OVER THERE!
WE BETTER MAKE IT JUST A GLANCE, RONALD ...IT'S GETTING LATE!
IT WASN'T THE TIME I WAS AFRAID OF... IT WAS MYSELF! I DIDN'T KNOW WHY... JUST AS I DIDN'T KNOW WHY I MADE BELIEVE I TRIPPED GETTING OUT OF THE CAR...
OH-H! MY FOOT!
GOTCHA! SAY... THIS IS GETTING TO BE A HABIT... AND A NICE ONE!
DID HE KISS ME FIRST... OR DID I KISS HIM?
I DIDN'T KNOW... AND I DIDN'T CARE...
WE KISSED... AND KISSED AGAIN...
AND THAT'S WHEN I LEARNED THE TRAGIC TRUTH... THAT I WASN'T IN LOVE WITH FRANKIE!

THE MOST TRAGIC PART OF FINDING OUT THE TRUTH WAS TELLING FRANKIE ABOUT IT. BUT I HAD TO DO IT... AND THAT EVENING I TOLD HIM THE WHOLE STORY...

OH-H, FRANKIE... I... I FEEL SO TERRIBLE HURTING YOU THIS WAY! BUT IT HAPPENED... I DIDN'T PLAN IT... I LOVE HIM AND HE LOVES ME!

IF YOU REALLY FEEL THAT WAY, MARY, I WON'T HOLD YOU TO OUR ENGAGEMENT! IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT... AS YOU SAY ...LOVE JUST HAPPENS... IT ISN'T PLANNED!

AFTER THAT I FORGOT ALL ABOUT FRANKIE! IT WASN'T THAT I WAS COLD-HEARTED... IT WAS BECAUSE I WAS IN LOVE... *REALLY* IN LOVE THIS TIME! BEING WITH RONALD MADE ME FORGET EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE... EXCEPT OUR LOVE AND US...

OH, RONALD, YOU'RE THE HANDSOMEST, BEST DRESSED MAN HERE! YOU'RE SO EXCITING... SO THRILLING ...SO MUCH FUN! WHY DIDN'T WE EVER MEET BEFORE AT THE DANCES OR HAYRIDE PARTIES AT COLLEGE? WHERE DID YOU SPEND YOUR EVENINGS?

HUH? OH, I... I... WENT OUT OF TOWN! THAT COLLEGE KID STUFF WASN'T FOR ME... UNTIL I MET YOU!

AND SOON WE'LL BE PARTING, RONALD! WE BOTH GRADUATE IN A MONTH ...THEN WHAT?

THEN IT'S GOODBYE, I GUESS! WE'LL SING OUR ALMA MATER 'NEATH OAKEN BEAMS, CLINK GLASSES AND THEN SMASH THEM INTO THE FIREPLACE! A TEAR... A HANDSHAKE... A KISS... AND FAREWELL! WHAT ELSE IS THERE?

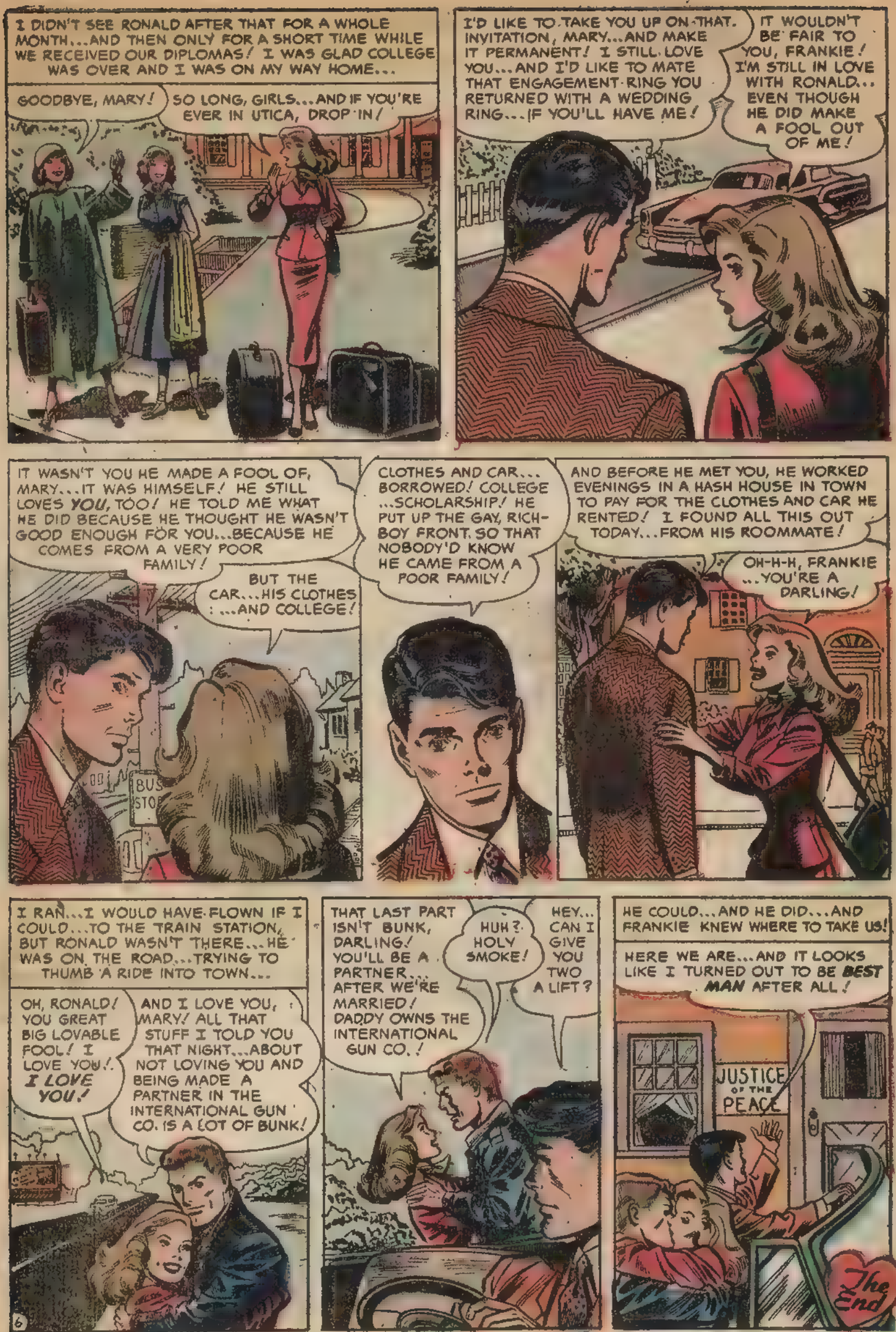
WHAT ELSE? OH, RONALD... IS *THAT* ALL OUR LOVE MEANS TO YOU? DON'T YOU WANT TO MARRY ME?

MARRY YOU? OH, FOR GOSH SAKES, MARY... DON'T PULL THAT STUFF ON ME! SURE, WE WENT OUT, BUT IT WAS FOR LAUGHS AND SMOOCHING! JUST COLLEGE ROMANCE STUFF... SOMETHING TO FILL UP THE BLANK PAGES IN YOUR DIARY!

I *CAN'T* MARRY YOU! I'VE GOT MY FUTURE TO THINK OF! DAD OWNS THE INTERNATIONAL GUN CO. AND HE'S GOING TO MAKE ME A JUNIOR PARTNER! I'LL BE *TOO BUSY* FOR MARRIAGE!

RONALD DESMOND! YOU'RE A *LIAR* ...A *CHEAT!*

AND I *HATE* YOU!


I DIDN'T SEE RONALD AFTER THAT FOR A WHOLE MONTH...AND THEN ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME WHILE WE RECEIVED OUR DIPLOMAS! I WAS GLAD COLLEGE WAS OVER AND I WAS ON MY WAY HOME...
GOODBYE, MARY!
SO LONG, GIRLS...AND IF YOU'RE EVER IN UTICA, DROP IN!
I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU UP ON THAT INVITATION, MARY...AND MAKE IT PERMANENT! I STILL LOVE YOU...AND I'D LIKE TO MATE THAT ENGAGEMENT RING YOU RETURNED WITH A WEDDING RING...IF YOU'LL HAVE ME!
IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO YOU, FRANKIE! I'M STILL IN LOVE WITH RONALD... EVEN THOUGH HE DID MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME!
IT WASN'T YOU HE MADE A FOOL OF, MARY...IT WAS HIMSELF! HE STILL LOVES YOU, TOO! HE TOLD ME WHAT HE DID BECAUSE HE THOUGHT HE WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU...BECAUSE HE COMES FROM A VERY POOR FAMILY!
BUT THE CAR...HIS CLOTHES ...AND COLLEGE!
CLOTHES AND CAR... BORROWED! COLLEGE ...SCHOLARSHIP! HE PUT UP THE GAY, RICH-BOY FRONT SO THAT NOBODY'D KNOW HE CAME FROM A POOR FAMILY!
AND BEFORE HE MET YOU, HE WORKED EVENINGS IN A HASH HOUSE IN TOWN TO PAY FOR THE CLOTHES AND CAR HE RENTED! I FOUND ALL THIS OUT TODAY...FROM HIS ROOMMATE!
OH-H-H, FRANKIE ...YOU'RE A DARLING!
I RAN...I WOULD HAVE FLOWN IF I COULD...TO THE TRAIN STATION, BUT RONALD WASN'T THERE...HE WAS ON THE ROAD...TRYING TO THUMB A RIDE INTO TOWN...
OH, RONALD! YOU GREAT BIG LOVABLE FOOL! I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU!
AND I LOVE YOU, MARY! ALL THAT STUFF I TOLD YOU THAT NIGHT...ABOUT NOT LOVING YOU AND BEING MADE A PARTNER IN THE INTERNATIONAL GUN CO. IS A LOT OF BUNK!
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THAT LAST PART ISN'T BUNK, DARLING! YOU'LL BE A PARTNER... AFTER WE'RE MARRIED! DADDY OWNS THE INTERNATIONAL GUN CO.!
HUH? HOLY SMOKE!
HEY... CAN I GIVE YOU TWO A LIFT?
HE COULD...AND HE DID...AND FRANKIE KNEW WHERE TO TAKE US!
HERE WE ARE...AND IT LOOKS LIKE I TURNED OUT TO BE BEST MAN AFTER ALL!
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I WALKED over to the cold fireplace and imagined how it might have been with the logs burning. I thought of all the evenings that would have been spent with Kurt here in this room. I touched the hassock and the large winged chair that I had searched so many hours just to find the perfect one. Now each piece of furniture would have to go back, unused. And tomorrow the house would be sold.

I tried to decide what had happened to Kurt and me . . . when everything had changed. Kurt worked for my father and was one of his best engineers. Dad was proud of Kurt. He liked his young strength and enthusiasm, and after we became engaged Dad was more than pleased to take him in as a partner. Kurt got along wonderfully with me; with his charm, independence and inner drive he was a complete success at thirty. I was proud of Kurt; only because I loved him I was, also, instinctively aware of his restlessness, even from the beginning. But we had both been so sure of ourselves.

I crossed the long silent room and stood by the south window. There was a moody agreeableness in watching the brown leaves fall and scutter dryly across the grass. Their sombre deadness reflected my own feelings. I had truly come to love this place which was to have been our home. I drove out every week-end—at the beginning with Kurt, and later alone—and now in the reality that I should never be able to come again, I realized with full intensity that the break had actually come. Kurt never had really needed me. I was a separate part of his life, but I had wanted to believe his strength came in loving me. I needed him, and in a woman's mixed-up reasoning, I felt love made it work both ways. But I was wrong.

Kurt had always been attentive. Sometimes it was hard to remember now, but there had been a time when his eyes filled with delight at the sight of me. He would tilt back my chin and say, "Lovely Ellie," and take me in his arms as if he never thought of letting me go.

I kept recalling the first time I saw him. He was directing a crew on the new bridge Dad was building. He stood brown and commanding before them and I thrilled at his magnificence.

We met and for a while, everything was ideal. The bridge occupied his days, but I saw him nearly every evening. We were happy and wonderfully in love.

When the bridge was finished, Dad's offer of a partnership pleased Kurt, and we went on a picnic to celebrate. It was one of those perfect afternoons in June. We sat on the bank of a small lake, content that we shouldn't have to be separated by Kurt having to leave for any more jobs now that he was established in the office with Dad. Together we watched the sun ripple across the water and nestle among the mass of lilies along the shore. The blossoms were exquisite and I decided to wade into the lake and pick some. Only Kurt wouldn't let me. "Uh-uh," he said, "I'll get them. After all, who's the engineer in this family?"

The next half hour I sat watching Kurt plan a bridgework to the lilies, while pulling logs, he whistled like a happy school boy, winking at me, but intent on his own exertions. I was almost forgotten and for the first time, I felt insecure in his need for me. He wasn't even aware of my disappointment in not having let me share the fun. When he brought the flowers, he was filled only with his own sense of accomplishment, and threw the blossoms aside without giving them to me. I wanted to cry, not because of my disappointment, but because I knew something important had happened between us. Because Kurt didn't know it, I was frightened.

Kurt tackled his new job as manager with abundant energy. He seemed eager for our wedding and enthusiastic in finding a home, yet there was a strong restless side of Kurt's nature that I couldn't understand. I tried not to let it bother me, yet sometimes I would feel it even in Kurt's arms. Unable to explain it, I would cry. He

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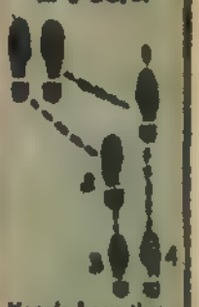

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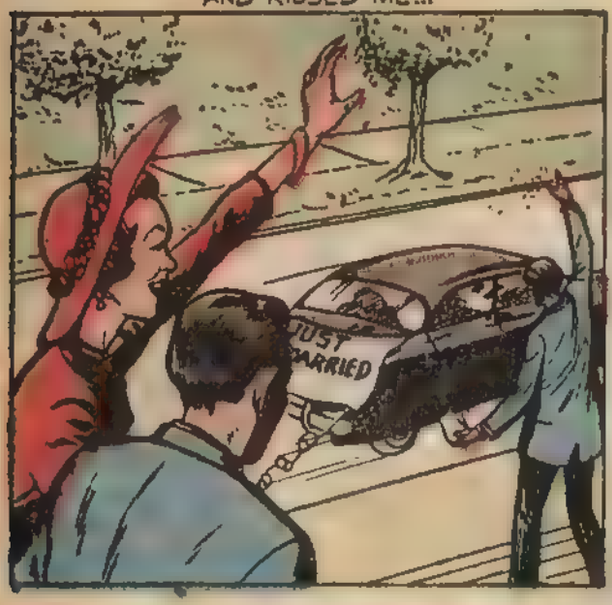
I DO!
WITH THIS RING I THEE WED...
...AND WITH ALL MY WORLDLY GOODS I THEE ENDOW...
I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE!

JUNE 22, 1951...THAT'S THE DAY I BECAME MRS. WALTER BOSWELL...A MARRIED WOMAN...A WIFE! I WAS TINGLING WITH EXCITEMENT AND JOY AS OUR CAR PULLED AWAY FROM THE CHURCH... AND MY HUSBAND TOOK ME INTO HIS ARMS AND KISSED ME...

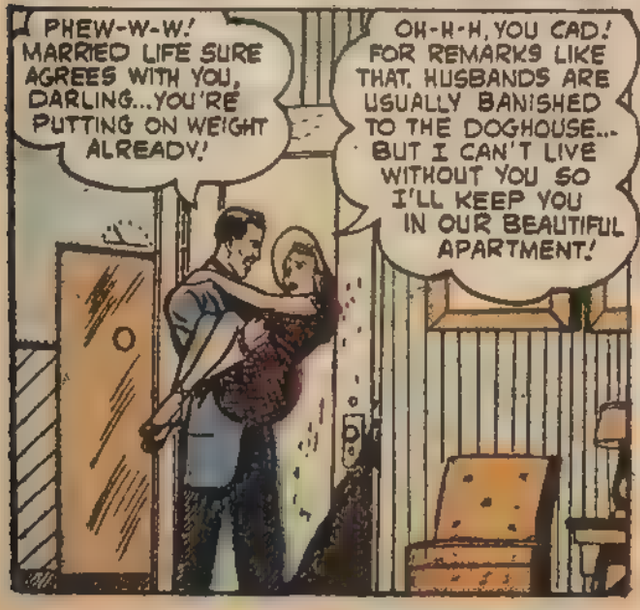


AND THAT EVENING WE WERE ON THE OCEAN LINER, MONARCH, BOUND FOR BERMUDA ON OUR HONEYMOON...

THIS OCEAN'S ALL YOURS, ALICE DARLING...AND IF YOU WANT THE MOON...AND THE STARS, LET ME KNOW...AND I'LL GET THEM FOR YOU!
I'D TRADE THEM ALL...JUST FOR ONE LITTLE KISS FROM YOU!

I DON'T KNOW WHO INVENTED OR THOUGHT UP HONEYMOONS...BUT I THINK IT'S A WONDERFUL IDEA! WALTER AND I HAD TWO WHOLE WEEKS TOGETHER...TWO WEEKS OF A DREAM FASHIONED INTO REALITY BY THE MAGIC OF MARRIAGE...TWO WEEKS IN BERMUDA...THE HONEYMOON ISLAND!

THOSE TWO WEEKS SEEMED LIKE TWO MINUTES... AND AT THE END OF THOSE TWO MINUTES I FOUND MYSELF IN ARMS BEING CARRIED OVER THE THRESHOLD OF OUR NEW APARTMENT!


PHEW-W-W! MARRIED LIFE SURE AGREES WITH YOU, DARLING...YOU'RE PUTTING ON WEIGHT ALREADY!
OH-H-H, YOU CAD! FOR REMARKS LIKE THAT, HUSBANDS ARE USUALLY BANISHED TO THE DOGHOUSE... BUT I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOU SO I'LL KEEP YOU IN OUR BEAUTIFUL APARTMENT!

THE NEXT DAY WHEN WALTER WENT TO WORK, I MET TWO OF MY MARRIED GIRL FRIENDS DOWNTOWN FOR LUNCH AND I WAS BURSTING WITH NEWLYWED EXCITEMENT AND ENTHUSIASM...

...AND THE HONEYMOON WAS WONDERFUL! WALTER IS WONDERFUL ...MARRIAGE IS WONDERFUL... I LOVE IT!

ENJOY IT, KID, WHILE IT LASTS... BECAUSE ONCE THE HONEYMOON'S OVER, LOOK OUT!

YEAH... IT WON'T BE SO WONDERFUL WHEN YOU SPEND ALL DAY CLEANING, DUSTING, MOPPING, SHOPPING, AND COOKING!

I WON'T MIND IT! I THINK IT'S FUN TO KEEP HOUSE AND COOK FOR THE MAN I LOVE!

SURE, BUT WAIT'LL THE MAN YOU LOVE STARTS CALLING FROM THE OFFICE AND SAYING HE'S SORRY BUT HE'S GOT TO WORK LATE!

YEAH... THAT'S WHEN YOU'LL KNOW THAT THE HONEYMOON IS REALLY OVER!

I PAID NO ATTENTION TO THEM ...I DID MY HOUSEWORK...

I DUSTED AND MOPPED...

I SHOPPED AND COOKED...

AND I DIDN'T MIND IT AT ALL ...BECAUSE IT WAS FOR A MAN I LOVED AND TRUSTED...

THEN ONE EVENING I PLANNED A SURPRISE "THREE MONTHS-OF-MARRIAGE" ANNIVERSARY SUPPER AT HOME FOR JUST WALTER AND ME...

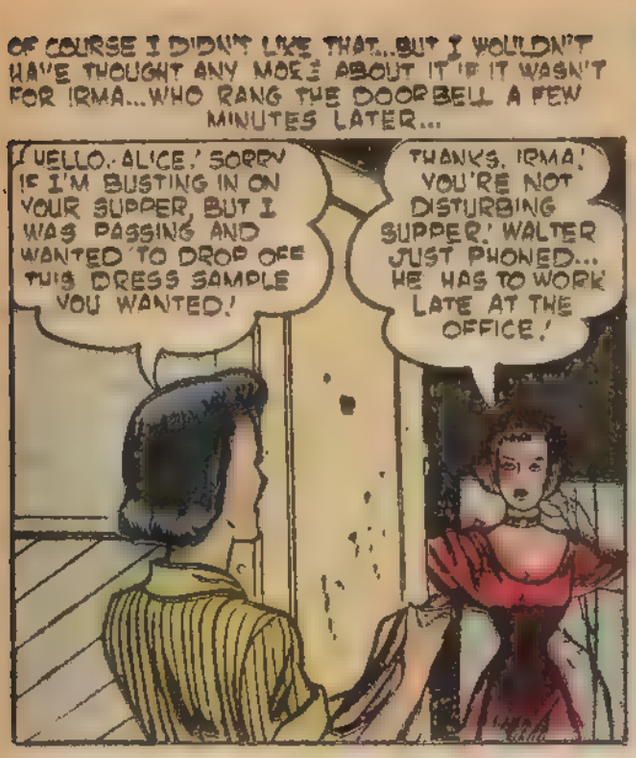
UM-M-M, LET'S SEE... HAVE I GOT EVERYTHING SET? CANDLES, WALTER'S FAVORITE WINE, AND...

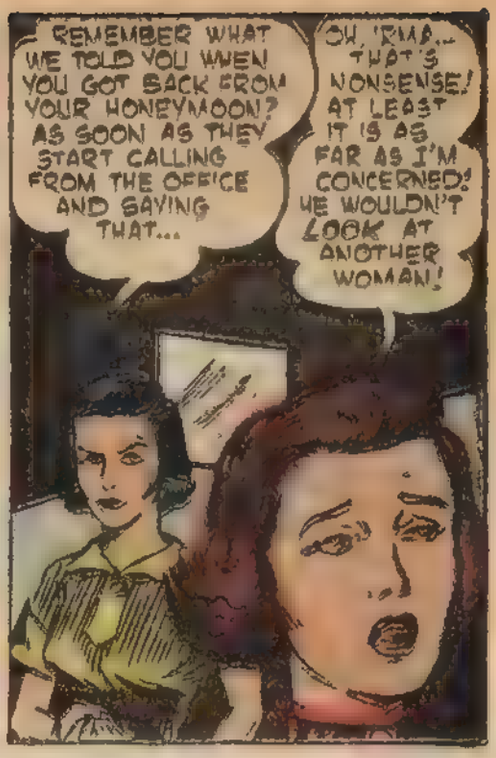
OH-H, TELEPHONE! I WONDER WHO THAT CAN BE?

R-RING!

HI, HONEY! IT'S ME... WALTER... DON'T BOTHER FIXING SUPPER FOR ME... I HAVE TO WORK LATE AT THE OFFICE TONIGHT!

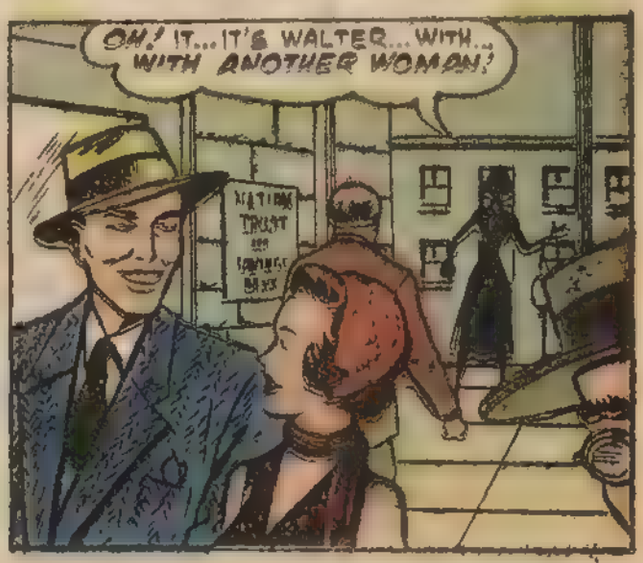
OF COURSE I DIDN'T LIKE THAT...BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT ANY MORE ABOUT IT IF IT WASN'T FOR IRMA...WHO RANG THE DOORBELL A FEW MINUTES LATER...


HELLO, ALICE! SORRY IF I'M BUSTING IN ON YOUR SUPPER, BUT I WAS PASSING AND WANTED TO DROP OFF THIS DRESS SAMPLE YOU WANTED!
THANKS, IRMA! YOU'RE NOT DISTURBING SUPPER! WALTER JUST PHONED... HE HAS TO WORK LATE AT THE OFFICE!

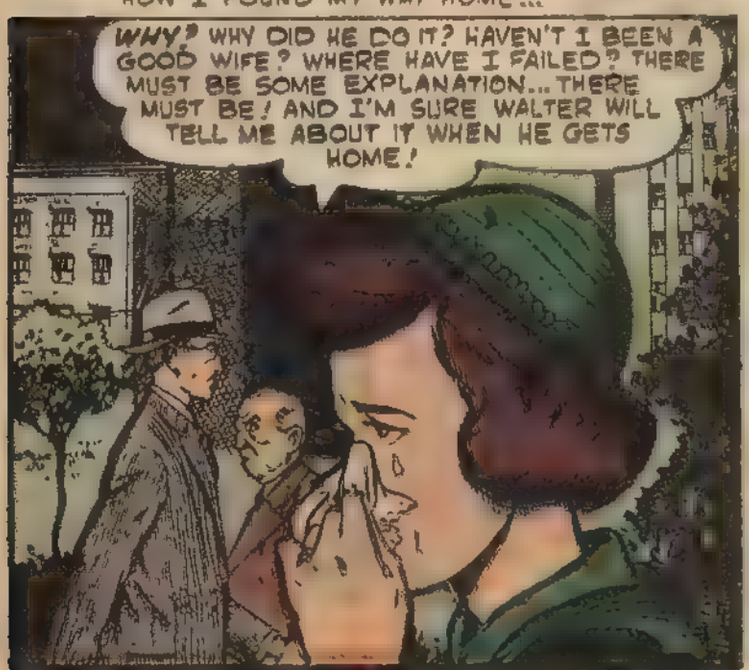

REMEMBER WHAT WE TOLD YOU WHEN YOU GOT BACK FROM YOUR HONEYMOON? AS SOON AS THEY START CALLING FROM THE OFFICE AND SAYING THAT...
OH, IRMA... THAT'S NONSENSE! AT LEAST IT IS AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED! HE WOULDN'T LOOK AT ANOTHER WOMAN!

THAT'S WHAT I TOLD IRMA...BUT WHEN SHE LEFT, LITTLE THOUGHT BUBBLES BEGAN FORMING... AND IN EACH ONE I SAW WALTER... WITH ANOTHER WOMAN...

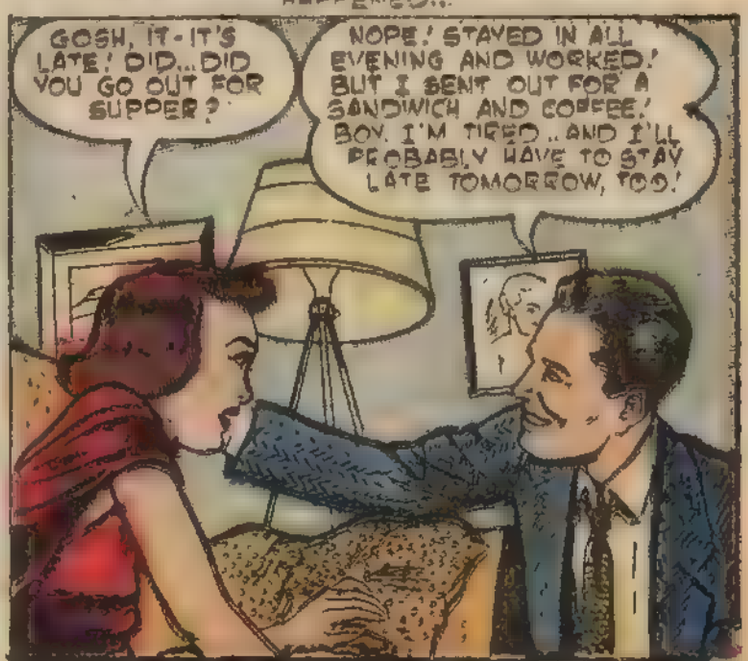
I DECIDED TO AIR THOSE VERY THOUGHTS BY TAKING A WALK AFTER SUPPER...AND I STROLLED PURPOSELY TOWARD THE OFFICE BUILDING WHERE WALTER WORKED...HOPING I'D MEET HIM COMING HOME...BUT WHAT I SAW MADE ME WISH I'D NEVER GONE OUT...



MY EYES WERE BLINDED BY TEARS! I DON'T KNOW HOW I FOUND MY WAY HOME...


WHY? WHY DID HE DO IT? HAVEN'T I BEEN A GOOD WIFE? WHERE HAVE I FAILED? THERE MUST BE SOME EXPLANATION...THERE MUST BE! AND I'M SURE WALTER WILL TELL ME ABOUT IT WHEN HE GETS HOME!

I WAITED UP FOR HIM...AND WHEN HE CAME IN, HE HUGGED AND KISSED ME AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED..


GOSH, IT-IT'S LATE! DID...DID YOU GO OUT FOR SUPPER?
NOPE! STAYED IN ALL EVENING AND WORKED! BUT I SENT OUT FOR A SANDWICH AND COFFEE! BOY, I'M TIRED..AND I'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO STAY LATE TOMORROW, TOO!

YES, WALTER STAYED LATE THE FOLLOWING EVENING AGAIN, AND AFTER A FEW WEEKS OF THAT, I HAD TO ADMIT TO MYSELF THAT IRMA WAS RIGHT...

CLEANING, MOPPING, COOKING, SENDING HIS DIRTY SUITS OUT TO THE CLEANERS... ALL UGLY CHORES... I'M A SLAVE... AND I HATE IT! I HATE IT!

HE NEVER EMPTIES HIS POCKETS! I HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING! WH-WHAT'S THIS? A CREDIT BOOK FROM ZAKIN'S JEWELRY SALON... AND IT HAS WALTER'S NAME ON IT!

AND HE'S MADE TWELVE PAYMENT'S ON SOMETHING EXPENSIVE! HE... HE MUST BE BUYING JEWELRY FOR THAT... THAT OTHER WOMAN! THIS IS THE LAST STRAW! I'M GOING HOME TO MOTHER!

I FINISHED DRESSING AND STARTED TO WRITE WALTER A FAREWELL NOTE, WHEN THE DOOR FLEW OPEN AND HE WALKED IN, HAPPY AS A LARK...

HI, HONEY! HEY! WHAT'S THE IDEA OF THE SUNDAY GO-TO-MEETIN' CLOTHES?

BECAUSE I... I'M GOING OUT, WALTER ...AND...

OH, OF COURSE! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT, TOO! DINNER AND DANCING SHOULD BE A PART OF EVERY WOMAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION! BUT I DID THINK OF THIS... HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HUH? OH... IT... IT IS MY BIRTHDAY!

AND THIS WATCH, DARLING... IT... IT'S BEAUTIFUL!

YEAH, BUT DON'T GIVE ME CREDIT FOR GOOD TASTE! I HAD TO GO OUT WITH ONE OF THE GALS FROM THE OFFICE A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO AND SHE PICKED IT OUT! BUT I'LL TAKE THE BOWS FOR THE PAYMENTS MADE ON IT BY WORKING LATE ALL THOSE EVENINGS!

I WAS SO HAPPY I CRIED! AND AFTER THAT NIGHT, YEARS AGO, I REALIZED THAT HOUSE-CLEANING...

DUSTING AND MOPPING...

...AND SHOPPING AND COOKING...

ARE A PLEASURE... WHEN YOU LOVE AND TRUST THE MAN WHO ASKED YOU TO SAY... I DO!

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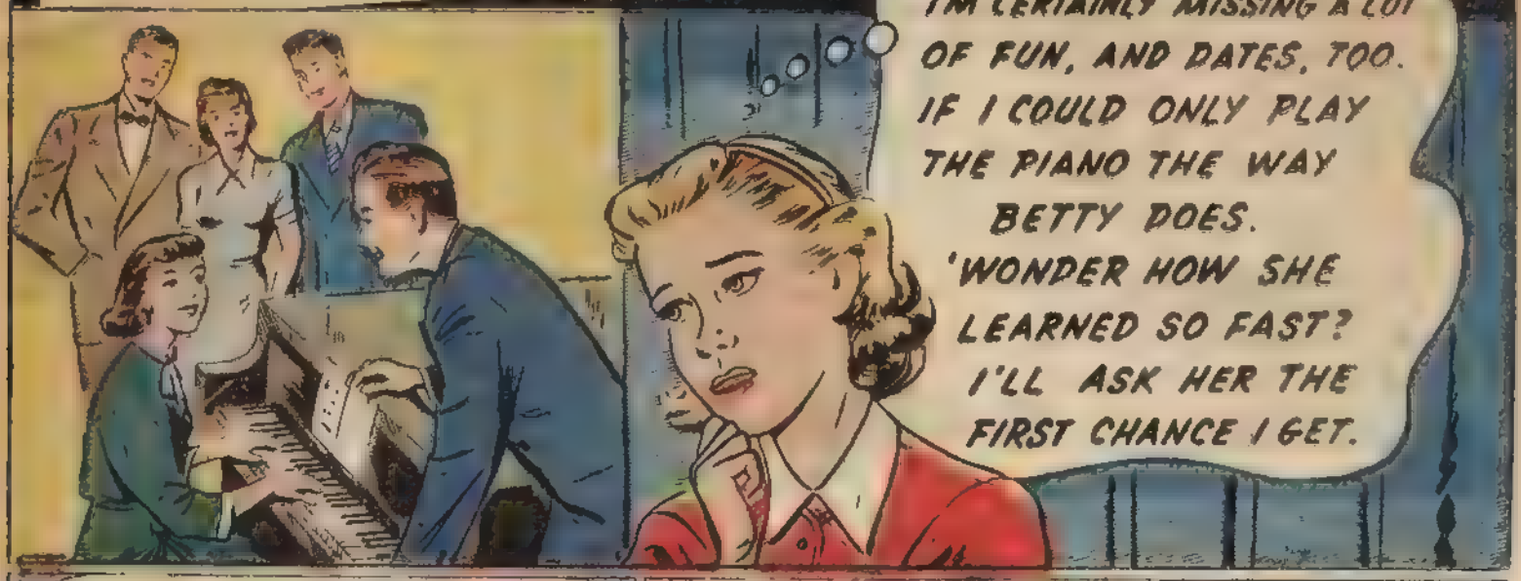
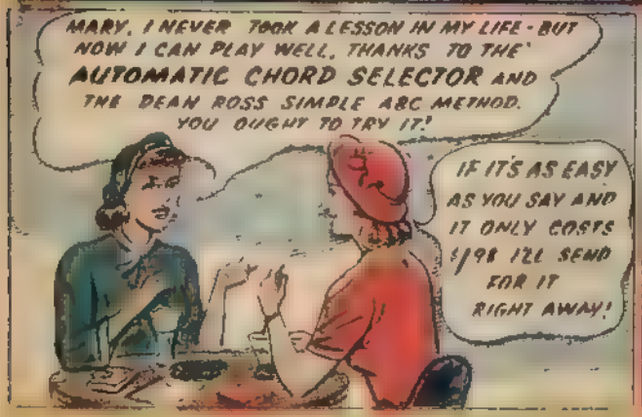

I'M CERTAINLY MISSING A LOT OF FUN, AND DATES, TOO. IF I COULD ONLY PLAY THE PIANO THE WAY BETTY DOES. 'WONDER HOW SHE LEARNED SO FAST? I'LL ASK HER THE FIRST CHANCE I GET.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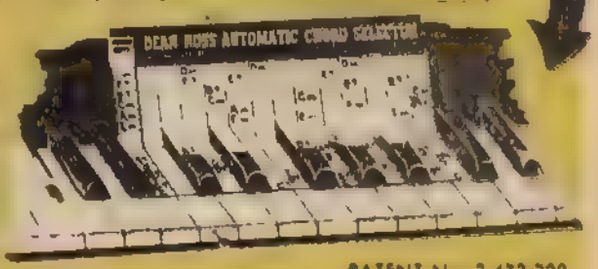

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would comfort me, and after my advancing some silly excuse to him, he'd say, "All right, honey. Feel better now?" and kiss me.

Then Kurt became very busy, and I began making the trips to our future home more and more frequently alone. I was wrapped up in ideas for home furnishings, details of the wedding, and our future life, while Kurt was busy with plans of a tunnel somewhere far off. In his enthusiasm he detached himself from me in the same way as when the incident of the water lilies occurred. When the plans were finished, he was again wholly devoted to me, and in my new-found joy of his being near I basked for a while in false security.

Then it happened one afternoon without warning. There was trouble at the tunnel and Kurt had to pack hurriedly and leave on the evening train. I thought it would be a matter of a few days, but one week went by and then another. Kurt wrote spasmodically. I knew he was busy, but for some reason his first letters were long, then as the emergency lessened, his letters grew increasingly shorter. And then had come the last one, saying that we had better postpone our wedding since he wasn't sure when he could return. I knew then that it was over—that he was forcing a delay because he didn't really want to come back at all.

I telephoned and asked that he return so we could discuss our future. He refused. And when I suggested going there, it was plain he didn't like the idea. We quarreled, and bitterly hurt, I broke our engagement. The last tie had been this house—and now tomorrow it was to be sold.

I looked about the room again, then slowly I walked out and locked the door. The drive back to the city seemed interminable, for my life had become hopelessly barren.

Dad met me at the door, and one glance at his face told me something was wrong.

"Ellie, there's been a cave-in at the tunnel."

Those were the only words I needed to hear. There was something too terrible about men being trapped, especially if Kurt were among them. I instantly decided to go to him.

Perhaps this time he needed me—if he only were still alive.

I got off the train in a small community. There was trouble getting a taxi but I finally found someone to drive me to the scene of the disaster. The entire population of the town was there. Most of those trapped were local men. I searched each face, frantically, hoping to find Kurt's among them. A grim sullenness held the silent groups of figures as they waited. It had been an all night vigil for most. Many women were crying, and in my own heart I knew the agony they were enduring. I could scarcely breathe, so great was my fear.

Then a cry ran across the crowd. The rescue party had at last broken through. There was a hushed stillness as the men began to bring out the victims. Then I saw Kurt, his face grimy and his clothes hanging and torn. He came from the tunnel and as I pushed forward, I heard his voice, steady and forceful, directing the rescue groups of men. Once more I was overpowered by his magnificence. Somehow as I watched him, I realized that this was where he belonged. In my own selfish hunger to be needed, I had failed to recognize that this was the true man. In that moment I knew how terribly I had failed him in the way he really needed me. He had needed my confidence and understanding, but I had been blind to only my own plans, and so he had tried to please my desires instead — afraid, perhaps, to test my love.

I rushed forward and as he saw me, a look of astonishment crossed his face. Then suddenly he smiled and held out his arms.

"It's really you," he said, pressing me to him.

"Oh, Kurt, can you forgive me?" I said. "I didn't understand before—but I've come to be with you. We can start over, can't we?"

"Oh, darling," he whispered. "I've needed you so desperately—and now you're here. I guess I somehow knew you would come—but I couldn't ask you to share this kind of life unless you were sure."

Then he held my chin and kissed me as if he never would let me go.

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Mary Parker's MAN!

HEY! I KNOW FROM WHAT DANNY'S TOLD ME THAT YOU TWO ARE "THAT WAY" ABOUT EACH OTHER, BUT AREN'T YOU COMING UP FOR AIR?
HE WAS BACK ··· BACK FOR GOOD! DANNY, THE BOY I'D GROWN UP WITH ··· DANNY, THE BOY I LOVED ··· MY MAN, DANNY!!
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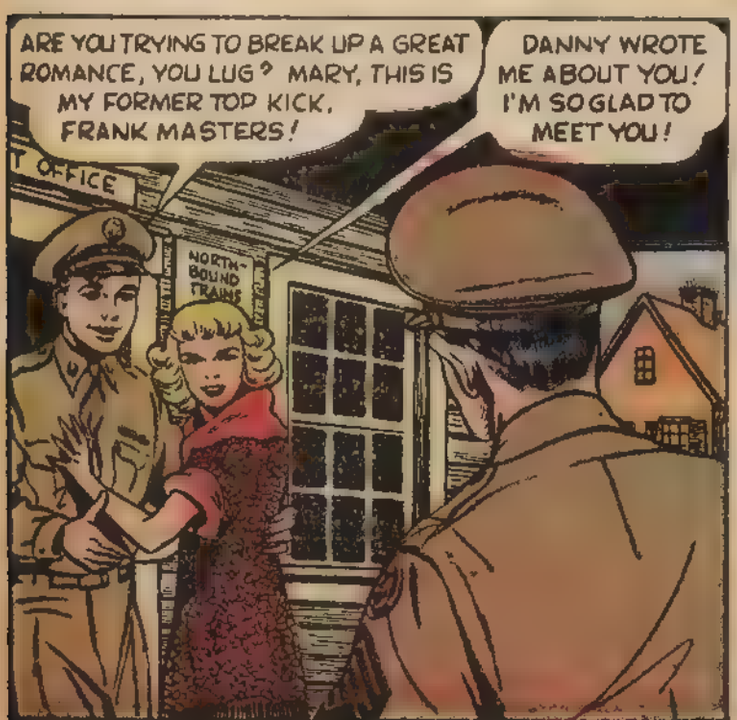
ARE YOU TRYING TO BREAK UP A GREAT ROMANCE, YOU LUG? MARY, THIS IS MY FORMER TOP KICK, FRANK MASTERS!
DANNY WROTE ME ABOUT YOU! I'M SO GLAD TO MEET YOU!
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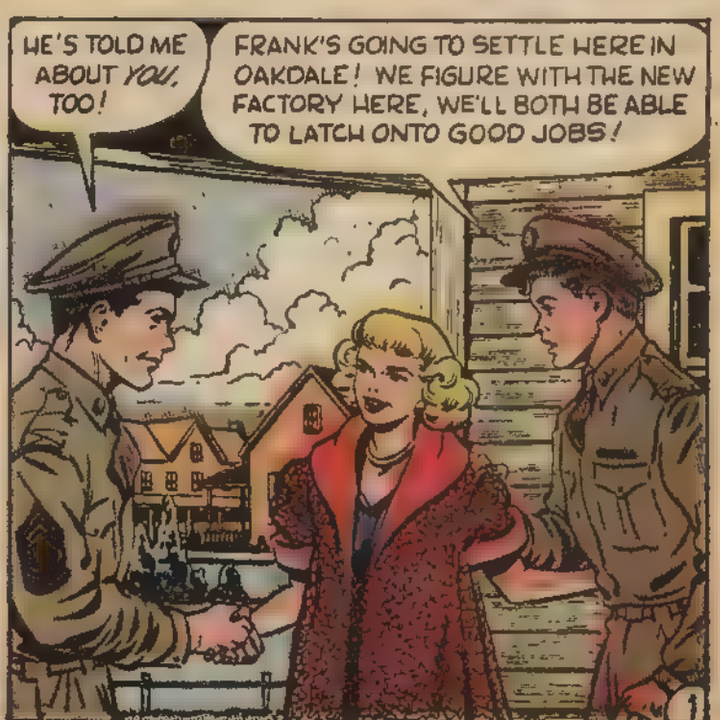
HE'S TOLD ME ABOUT YOU, TOO!
FRANK'S GOING TO SETTLE HERE IN OAKDALE! WE FIGURE WITH THE NEW FACTORY HERE, WE'LL BOTH BE ABLE TO LATCH ONTO GOOD JOBS!
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I'VE CHANGED, MARY! I'M GOING TO GET A JOB, AND HOLD ONTO IT THIS TIME ··NOT LIKE IT USED TO BE! GOSH, IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE BACK HOME AGAIN!
IT'S WONDERFUL TO HAVE YOU BACK!
NO PARKING
Y'KNOW, FRANK, EVER SINCE I WAS A KID I WAS ALWAYS GETTING INTO TROUBLE, AND COULD NEVER HOLD A JOB! EVERYTIME THINGS WENT WRONG I'D COME SNIFFLING TO MARY AND SHE'D WIPE MY EYES AND MAKE ME ALL BETTER AGAIN!
WHATEVER DID YOU DO IN THE ARMY WITHOUT ME?
TAXI STAND 1 CAB
FRANK TOOK YOUR PLACE! MY BUDDY! HE GOT ME OUT OF TROUBLE··· DIDN'T YOU, FRANK?
FORGET IT, DANNY! HEY··· TAXI!
GARDAL
I'LL STAY WITH MY UNCLE JIM··· I GUESS NOW THAT I'VE BEEN AWAY AND COME BACK FROM THE ARMY HE'LL FORGET THE LITTLE DIFFERENCES WE HAD!
IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT TO GET BACK INTO CIVVIES AGAIN!
YEP, THINGS ARE GOING TO BE DIFFERENT, HONEY! I'M GOING TO GET A GOOD JOB, SAVE MY MONEY, AND THEN YOU AND I ARE GOING TO BE MARRIED!
OH, DANNY!
THAT WAS DANNY! HANDSOME, GAY, IRRESPONSIBLE, IRRESISTIBLE DANNY! NO MATTER WHAT HE DID, HE COULD ALWAYS GET AROUND YOU WITH THAT BOYISH CHARM THAT WAS HIS GIFT!
I'LL PICK YOU UP AS SOON AS I CHANGE, HONEY! MEANWHILE FRANK WILL DROP YOU OFF ON HIS WAY TO THE HOTEL!
CENTRAL TAXI
QUITE A GUY, THAT DANNY! YOU AND HE MUST'VE BEEN IN LOVE A LONG TIME!
SINCE WE WERE IN FOURTH GRADE! SOMETIMES HE'S TERRIBLY EXASPERATING, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HIM THAT MAKES A PERSON WANT TO PROTECT AND LOVE HIM!
CENTRAL CAB
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! I HAD A KID BROTHER··· WE WERE VERY CLOSE! HE WAS KILLED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR··· WHEN I MET DANNY OVERSEAS··· ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS MY BROTHER··· I SORT OF TOOK CARE OF HIM!
I'M GLAD HE MET YOU OVER THERE!
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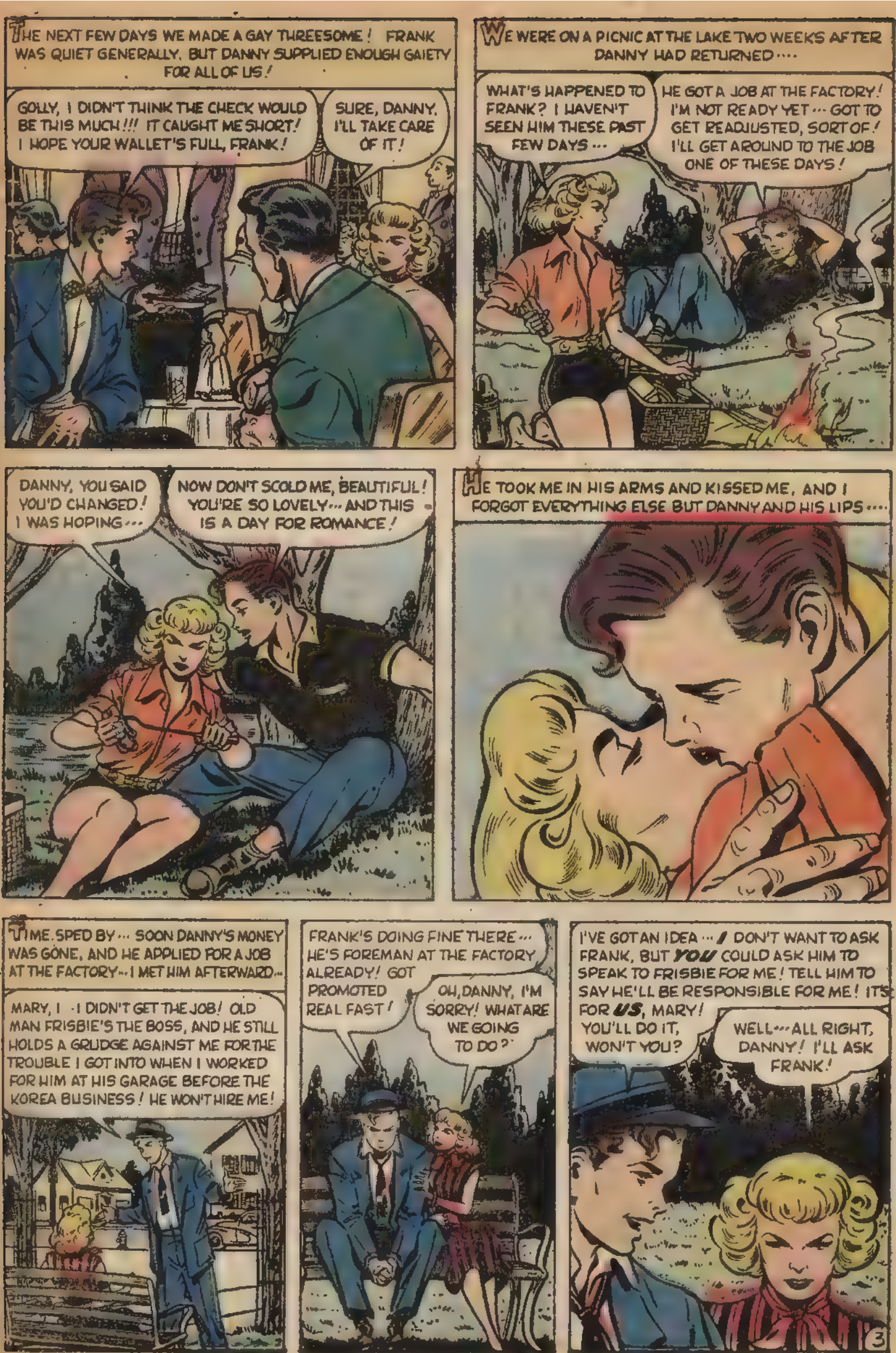
THE NEXT FEW DAYS WE MADE A GAY THREESOME! FRANK WAS QUIET GENERALLY, BUT DANNY SUPPLIED ENOUGH GAIETY FOR ALL OF US!
GOLLY, I DIDN'T THINK THE CHECK WOULD BE THIS MUCH!!! IT CAUGHT ME SHORT! I HOPE YOUR WALLET'S FULL, FRANK!
SURE, DANNY. I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!
WE WERE ON A PICNIC AT THE LAKE TWO WEEKS AFTER DANNY HAD RETURNED....
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO FRANK? I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM THESE PAST FEW DAYS...
HE GOT A JOB AT THE FACTORY! I'M NOT READY YET... GOT TO GET READJUSTED, SORT OF! I'LL GET AROUND TO THE JOB ONE OF THESE DAYS!
DANNY, YOU SAID YOU'D CHANGED! I WAS HOPING...
NOW DON'T SCOLD ME, BEAUTIFUL! YOU'RE SO LOVELY... AND THIS IS A DAY FOR ROMANCE!
HE TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS AND KISSED ME, AND I FORGOT EVERYTHING ELSE BUT DANNY AND HIS LIPS....
TIME SPED BY... SOON DANNY'S MONEY WAS GONE, AND HE APPLIED FOR A JOB AT THE FACTORY... I MET HIM AFTERWARD...
MARY, I - I DIDN'T GET THE JOB! OLD MAN FRISBIE'S THE BOSS, AND HE STILL HOLDS A GRUDGE AGAINST ME FOR THE TROUBLE I GOT INTO WHEN I WORKED FOR HIM AT HIS GARAGE BEFORE THE KOREA BUSINESS! HE WON'T HIRE ME!
FRANK'S DOING FINE THERE... HE'S FOREMAN AT THE FACTORY ALREADY! GOT PROMOTED REAL FAST!
OH, DANNY, I'M SORRY! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
I'VE GOT AN IDEA... I DON'T WANT TO ASK FRANK, BUT YOU COULD ASK HIM TO SPEAK TO FRISBIE FOR ME! TELL HIM TO SAY HE'LL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ME! IT'S FOR US, MARY! YOU'LL DO IT, WON'T YOU?
WELL... ALL RIGHT, DANNY! I'LL ASK FRANK!
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SHE'S FENNA THE NEXT DAY ···
I'VE BEEN HEARING A LOT OF THINGS ABOUT DANNY SINCE I'VE COME HERE. BUT ··· WELL, AS LONG AS YOU'VE ASKED ME, I'LL DO MY BEST!
THANKS, FRANK ··· YOU'RE SWELL!
SO MIKE YOU MART! IF YOU WEREN'T DANNY'S GIRL, I'D··· WELL, FORGET IT! I'LL LET DANNY KNOW IF I CAIN WIN FRISBIE OVER!
AS I WALKED HOME, I THOUGHT OF WHAT FRANK HAD SAID ··· I KNEW WHAT HE HAD MEANT, AND IT MADE ME FEEL WARM INSIDE ····
FRANK'S NICE ·· MANLY AND STRONG! BUT I SHOULDN'T FEEL THIS WAY ··· NOT WHEN I'M IN LOVE WITH DANNY! I GUESS IT'S JUST BECAUSE I'VE NEVER GONE OUT WITH ANY OTHER BOYS ··· ONLY DANNY!
BANK
THEN, AS THE RESULT OF FRANK'S HELP, DANNY GOT THE JOB! ···
I TOLD YOU THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT! I'M A CHANGED MAN! LISTEN, EVERY WEEK WHEN I GET PAID I'LL GIVE YOU HALF MY SALARY TO BANK FOR US SO WE CAN SAVE ENOUGH TO GET MARRIED ON!
DANNY DARLING! THAT'S WONDERFUL!!
AT THE END OF THE WEEK I MET DANNY ··· THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE ROAD THAT WOULD LEAD TO OUR MARRIAGE!
DANNY! I'VE BEEN WAIT--- WHAT'S WRONG, DANNY?
EVERYTHING! I GOT FIRED!! EVEN WORSE, I GAMBLED WITH SOME OF THE BOYS AND LOST MY SALARY ··· EVERY CENT!
OH, DANNY!
DON'T SCOLD ME, BABY! OLD FRISBIE HAD IT IN FOR ME! I WAS BOUND TO BE FIRED! I ONLY GAMBLED TO TRY TO GET A STAKE FOR US, HONEY ·· I DID IT FOR US!
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, HONEY! YOU'VE GOT TO DO A FAVOR FOR ME! LISTEN ··· FRANK IS USING HIS G.I. DOUGH TO OPEN A SMALL SHOP OF HIS OWN ··· I WANT YOU TO GO TO HIM AND ASK HIM TO GIVE ME A JOB! PLEASE, BABY, I'M NOT ASKING JUST FOR MYSELF ··· IT'S FOR US!
DANNY! I CAN'T!
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BUT DANNY KISSED ME AND I SPOKE TO FRANK THE NEXT DAY!
ALL RIGHT, MARY, I'LL GIVE DANNY A CHANCE HERE!
HE'LL MAKE GOOD, I'M SURE HE WILL! WE WANT TO GET MARRIED, AND DANNY HAS TO HAVE A GOOD, STEADY JOB FIRST!

FRANK'S SMALL FACTORY WENT WELL FROM THE START... THINGS WERE FINE FOR A FEW WEEKS... THEN ONE NIGHT...
THAT RAT FRANK! AND I THOUGHT HE WAS MY FRIEND! I'VE QUIT HIM, MARY!
DANNY! WHAT HAPPENED?

HE ACCUSED ME OF STEALING! CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT? ME STEALING HIS DIRTY MONEY!!
OH, NO!

LOOK, HONEY, I FEEL AWFUL ABOUT THIS! I'M GOING TO HAVE A COUPLE OF DRINKS! I'LL SEE YOU LATER! YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU?
YES... OF COURSE! PLEASE, DARLING, DON'T DRINK TOO MUCH... DON'T GET INTO ANY TROUBLE!

DANNY LEFT DEJECTEDLY... I FELT MISERABLE... THEN ANGER CAME, AND I HAD TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!
FRANK CAN'T DO THIS TO DANNY! I'M GOING TO TELL HIM JUST WHAT I THINK OF HIM!!

IT'S DESPICABLE THE WAY YOU'VE TREATED DANNY!
LISTEN, MARY... EVERY WEEK THERE'S BEEN SOME MONEY MISSING FROM THE TILL! I CAUGHT DANNY TAKING IT! AND FROM WHAT I'VE LEARNED, THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME HE'S DONE THIS!

I'M WISE TO HIM NOW! HE'S USED PEOPLE ALL HIS LIFE, WORKING THAT CHARM OF HIS! BUT HE'S NO GOOD... HE'S A WEAKLING! HE'S USED YOU, AND HE'S USED ME! HE'S TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THAT WONDERFUL DECENCY AND FINENESS OF YOURS ALL YOUR LIFE! YOU'VE NEVER LOVED HIM, MARY... YOU COULDN'T!! YOU'VE MOTHERED AND PROTECTED HIM, AND THOUGHT IT WAS LOVE!!

I LOVE YOU, MARY, WITH ALL MY HEART! AND I'M TELLING YOU NOW BECAUSE DANNY DOESN'T DESERVE YOU!
LET ME GO!!

HE PULLED ME TO HIM AND KISSED ME! FOR A MOMENT I YIELDED ··· THEN I REMEMBERED!

I BROKE AWAY FROM HIM AND RAN! HIS KISS HAD DISTURBED ME---MADE MY CONFUSED HEART BEAT WILDLY!!

MARY!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME? I SHOULD BE FURIOUS AT WHAT HE DID---BUT I'M NOT! I ALMOST THINK I *WANTED* HIM TO KISS ME! I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!

PARKING

OH! THERE'S DANNY GOING INTO FRANK'S FACTORY! MAYBE HE'S GOING TO MAKE TROUBLE! I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!

MACHINE SHOP

I RAN BACK TO THE DOOR, BUT STOPPED SUDDENLY···

SURE, PAL! I FOLLOWED MARY, AND WATCHED YOU THROUGH THE WINDOW! YOU'RE NUTS ABOUT HER, SO I'VE GOT A PROPOSITION! I'M ALL WASHED UP IN THIS TOWN, SO YOU GIVE ME MONEY ENOUGH TO TAKE A NICE LONG TRIP! IT'S A GOOD DEAL ··· PAY ME OFF, AND YOU GET MARY!

YOU *SKUNK!*

I LISTENED, SHOCKED! AND SUDDENLY THE TRUTH WAS CLEAR--- I REALLY *DON'T* LOVE DANNY! AND NOW I KNEW WHY FRANK'S KISS HAD AFFECTED ME SO!!

I'LL JUST TAKE WHAT'S HERE ··· AND MAYBE I WON'T LEAVE TOWN AFTER ALL! MARY LOVES ME, YOU KNOW, AND···

AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE LIKE MY KID BROTHER! IF HE'D BEEN LIKE YOU, I'D'VE BEATEN HIM TO A PULP! AND THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO DO TO *YOU!*

NO, FRANK!

LET HIM GO, FRANK! LET HIM LEAVE TOWN ··· GET AS FAR AWAY FROM HERE AS HE CAN! I CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF HIM! I---I KNOW NOW WHOM I *REALLY* LOVE!!!

THEN HIS ARMS WERE AROUND ME ··· STRONG ARMS THAT WOULD PROTECT AND CHERISH ME ··· AND I KNEW THAT I HAD FOUND *MY MAN* AT LAST!!

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Amazing New Kind of Greeting Cards

They ACT and MOVE... They Contain Real Gifts... They GLISTEN Like Gems... They're Good Enough to EAT...

Kitten Jumps Out of the Box!
Lovely Flower Can Be Worn on Hat or Dress!
Real SEQUINS Spell Out Greeting!
Real LOLLIPOP Wrapped in Cellophane!

. . . and Each Holds a Heart-Warming Greeting!

. . . NO WONDER IT'S SO EASY FOR FOLKS TO

Make Good Money

without taking a job or putting in regular hours—AND WITHOUT EXPERIENCE!

10 Orders In ½ Hour

"I received these ten orders in about 30 minutes. Everyone just 'ah'd' and 'oh'd' over cards. It's going to be very easy."—Rita J. Shaw, N. Y.

Fine Spare-Time Profits

"In Nurses' course I made practically all expenses selling Doehla Cards." — Dorothy Nephew, "R.N., Calif.

Makes $17.95 After School

"In 3½ hrs. got orders for 20 boxes . . . 25 more by end of week. Made $17.95 in 1 week."—Miss M. Richardson, New York.

20 Boxes In 2 Hours

"I'm thrilled with beauty of cards; so are my friends. I have now sold about 20 boxes . . . in about 2 hours' time."—Bernice Johnson, S. Dak.

WHEN you show cards as new, unusual, and attractive *as these*—you'll find it so easy to make extra spending money *all year 'round!*

Just let your friends and neighbors and co-workers SEE these lovely Doehla Christmas and All Occasion box assortments. YOU don't have to say another word! Watch them marvel at the richly beautiful designs, the warm glowing colors; the exciting new features . . . magic surprises that POP UP . . . GLISTEN and SPARKLE . . . EVEN CONTAIN VALUABLE GIFTS.

Your Friends Get a Bargain

Everybody these days needs and buys greeting cards the whole year 'round. By ordering these assortments from YOU, they save themselves the bother of shopping. They get top quality cards for even less than *ordinary* cards cost in the stores. They're sure of always having the right card on hand every time they want to send birthday, anniversary, wedding, new baby greetings . . . or to cheer up a sick friend. And see how eager they'll also be to order your lovely Doehla stationery, gift wrappings!

You Make Money

Your friends will thank you for "letting them in" on these wonderful bargains. And YOU make as much as 60¢ on each box. NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED. Our free book shows how anyone, young and old, can make $10, $15, or even $25 a week in just a few spare-time hours.

If your church, club or organization wants a quick easy way to raise funds all year 'round—write us, giving your name, name and address of organization, and name of person in charge of fund raising. We will send our valuable guide for groups, together with sample kit, on approval.

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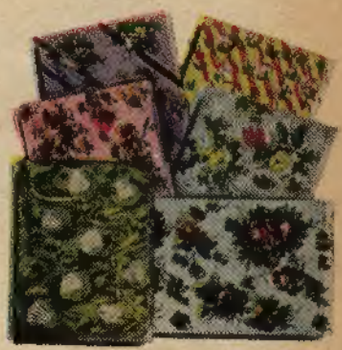
Nothing to Pay For!
Nothing to Return!

Mail Free Trial Coupon NOW—without money. We will send you everything you need to begin earning money right away. Complete Details about excellent profits. Order-getting Sample Kit absolutely free — nothing to pay for. No obligation. Free samples of the new "Name-Imprinted" Christmas cards and lovely personal stationery. Don't miss this chance to make friends and extra money — mail coupon NOW.

HARRY DOEHLA CO., Studio M1810, Nashua, N. H. (Or if you live west of the Rockies — mail coupon to Palo Alto, Cal.)



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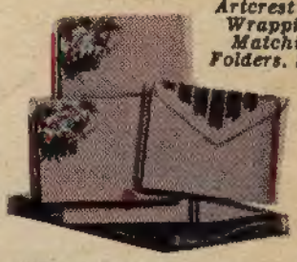

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Gift and "Thank You" Cards For Everyday

"Bouquet" Decorated Correspondence Notes

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